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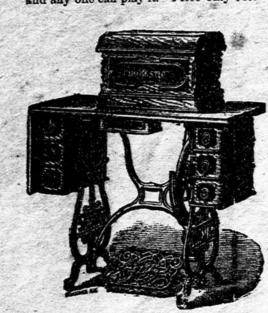


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sometimes see, even in families that pre-

tend to be Christian-perpetual scolding,

and hair pulling, and ear boxing, and

thumping, and stamping, and fault find-

will retaliate for the cruelties practiced.

Many a home has become as full of dis-

pute as was the home of John O'Groat,

who built his house at the most north-

erly point in Great Britain. And tradi-

tion says that the house had eight win-

eight sides, because he had eight chil-

worked upon by sledge hammer, and

gouge, and pile driver. Such fierce lash-

ing, instead of breaking the high mettle

to bit and trace, will make it dash off the

more uncontrollable. Many seem to think

that children are flax-not fit for use till

they have been hetcheled and swingled.

Some one talking to a child said: "I won-

der what makes that tree out there so

crooked." The child replied: "I suppose

it was trod upon while it was young.'

In some families all the discipline is con-

cenetred upon one child's head. If any-

thing is done wrong, the supposition is

that George did it. He broke the latch.

He left open the gate. He backed the

bannisters. He whittled sticks on the

carpets. And George shall be the scape-

goat for all domestic misunderstandings

and suspicions. If things get wrong in

the culinary department, in comes the

mother and says, angrily: "Where

is George?" If business matters

are perplexing at the store, in

comes the father at night and says, an-

grily: "Where is George?" In many a

household there is such a one singled out

for suspicion and castigation. All the

sweet flowers of his soul blasted under

this perpetual northeast storm, he curses

the day in which he was born. Safer

the child in an ark of bulrushes on the

gant mansion, amid such domestic gor-

gons. A mother was passing along the

street one day, and came up to her little

child, who did not see her approach, and

her child was saying to her playmate:

"You good for nothing little scamp, you

come right into the house this minute or

I will beat vou till the skin comes off.'

The mother broke in, saving: "Why,

Lizzie, I am surprised to hear you talk

like that to any one!" "Oh," said the

child, "I was only playing, and he is my

little boy, and I am scolding him, as you

did me this morning." Children are apt

Safer in a Bethlehem manger among

cattle and camels with gentle Mary to

watch the little innocent than the most ex-

travagant nursery, over which God's star

of peace never stood. The trapper extin-

guishes the flames on the prairie by fight-

ing fire with fire, but you cannot, with

the fire of your own disposition; put out

the fire of a child's disposition.

Yet we may rush to the other extrem

and rule children by too great leniency.

The surgeon is not unkind because, not

withstanding the resistance of his patient

to be echoes of their parents.

appointment for each one of them.

BROOKLYN, Nov. 13 .- The weekly publication of Dr. Talmage's sermons is bevond parallel. Beside the English speaking nations, including Australia and New Zealand, the sermons are regularly translated into the languages of Germany. France. Italy, Denmark, Norway, Russia and India. The gentlemen having in charge the publication of these sermons inform us that in this country, every weck, 10,600,000 copies of the entire sermon are printed, and about 4,000,-000 in other lands, making over 17,-000,000 per week. A similar arrangement is now being made for the publica-tion of Dr. Talmage's Friday evening

The subject of the sermon to-day was "Parental Blunders." and the text was I Samuel iv, 18: "He fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy." Dr. Tal-

This is the end of a long story of parental neglect. Judge Eli was a good man, but he let his two boys, Hophni and Phinehas, do as they pleased, and through over indulgence they went to ruin. The blind old judge, 98 years of age, is seated at the gate waiting for the news of an important battle in which his two sons were at the front. An express is coming with tidings from the battle. This blind nonogenarian puts his hand behind his ear and listens and cries: "What meaneth the noise of this tumult?" An excited messenger, all out of breath with the speed, said to him: "Our army is defeated. The sacred chest, called the ark, is captured, and your sons are dead on the field." No wonder the father fainted and expired. The domestic tragedy in which these two sons were the tragedians had finished its fifth and last act. "He fell from off the scat backward by the side of the gate and an old man and heavy.'

gard to his children. The Bible distinctly says: "His sons made themselves vile and he restrained them not." Oh. the ten thousand mistakes in rearing children, mistakes of parents, mistakes of teachers in day school and Sabbath classes, mistakes which we all make. Will it not be useful to consider them? This country is going to be conquered by a great army, compared with which that of Baldwin the First, and Xerxes, and Alexander, and Grant, and Lee, all put together, were in numbers insignificant. They will capture all our pulpits, storehouses, factories and halls of legislation, all our shipping, all our wealth and all our honors. They will take possession of all authority, from the United States presidency down to the humblest constabular of everything between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. They are on the march now, and they halt neither day nor night. They will soon be here, and all the present active population of this country must surrender and give way. I refer to the great army of children. Whether they shall take possession

and held up in her arms bafore them her

child, the archduke. This so wrought

upon the officers and deputies of the

people that with half drawn swords they

broke forth in the war cry, "Let us die

for our queen, Maria Theresa!" So, this

morning, realizing that the boy of today

is to be the ruler of the future, the popu-

lar sovereign, I hold him before the

American people to arouse their enthusi-

asm in his behalf and to evoke their oath

for his defense, his education and his

If a parent, you will remember when

you were aroused to these great respon-

sibilities, and when you found that you

had not done all required after you had

admired the tiny hands, and the glossy

hair, and the bright eyes that lay in the

cradle, you suddenly remembered that that hand would yet be raised to bless

the world with its benediction, or to

smite it with a curse. In Ariesto's great

poem there is a character called Rug-

giero, who has a shield of insufferable

splendor, but it is kept veiled save on

certain occasions, and when uncovered it

startled and overwhelmed its beholder,

who before had no suspicion of its bright-

ness. My hope today is to uncover the

destiny of your child or student, about

which you may have no special apprecia-

tion, and flash upon you the splendors of

its immortal nature. Behold the shield

what I consider to be some of the errors

First: I remark that many err in too

great severity or too great leniency of

family government. Between parental

tyranny and ruinous laxativeness of dis-

civline there is a medium. Sometimes

the father errs on one side, and the

mother on the other side. Good family

government is all important. Anarchy

and misrule in the domestic circle is the

forerunner of anarchy and misrule in

the state. What a repulsive spectacle is

a home without order or discipline, dis-

obedience and impudence, and anger

and falsehood lifting their horrid front

in the place which should be consecrated

to all that is holy and peaceful and

beautiful. In the attempt to avoid all

this, and bring the children under proper

laws and regulations, parents have some-

times carried themselves with great rigor.

John Howard, who was merciful to the

prisons and lazarettos, was merciless in

the treatment of his children. John

Milton knew everything but how to train

his family. Severe and unreasonable

was he in his carriage toward them. He

made them read to him in four or five

languages, but would not allow them to

learn any of them, for he said that one

tongue was enough for a woman. Their

reading was mechanical drudgery, when,

if they had understood the languages they

read, the enroloyment of reading might

have been a luxury. No wonder his chil-

dren despised him, and stealthily sold his

books, and hoped for his death. In all

ages there has been need of a society for

the prevention of cruelty to children.

propose in this discourse to set forth

and the sword of its coming conflict!

prevalent in the training of children.

sublime destiny.

Eli had made an awful mistake in re-

he goes straight on with firm hand and unfaltering heart to take off the ganof everything for good or for bad depends grene. Nor is the parent less affectionupon the style of preparation through ate and faithful because, notwithstanding which they pass on their way from cradle all violent remonstrances on the part of to throne. Cicero acknowledges he kept the child, he with the firmest discipline in his desk a collection of prefaces for advances to the cutting off of its evil inbooks, which prefaces he could at any clinations. The Bible says: "Chasten time attach to anything he wanted to thy son while there is hope, and let not publish for himself or others; and thy soul spare for his crying." Childish parents and teachers have all prepared rage unchecked will, after a while, bethe preface of every young life under come a hurricane. Childish petulance their cliarge, and not only the pre will grow up into misanthropy. Childish but the appendix, whether rebellion will develop into the lawlessness the volume be a poem or a of riot and sedition. If you would ruin farce. Families, and schools, and legisthe child, dance to his every caprice and latures are in our day busily engaged in stuff him with confectionery. Before discussing what is the best mode of eduyou are aware of it that boy of 6 years cating children. Before this question will go down the street, a eigar in his almost every other dwindles into insigmouth and ready on any corner with his nificance, while dependent upon its comrades to compare pugilistic attain-ments. The parent who allows the child proper solution is the welfare of governments and ages eternal. Macaulay tells to grow up without ever baving learned of the war which Frederick the Second the great duty of obedience and submismade against Queen Maria Theresa. And sion has prepared a cup of burning gall one day she appeared before the august for his own lips and appalling destrucdiet, wearing mourning for her father,

> A second error prevalent in the training of children is a laying out of a theory and following it without arranging it to varieties of disposition. In every family you will find striking differences of temperament. This child is too timid, and that too bold, and this too miserly, and that too wasteful; this too inactive, and that too boisterous. Now, the farmer who should plant corn and wheat and turnips in just the same way, then put them through one hopper and grind then: in the same mill, would not be so much of a fool as the parents who should at tempt to discipline and educate all their children in the same manner. It needs a skillful hand to adjust these checks and balances. The rigidity of government which is necessary to hold in this impetuous nature would utterly crush that flexile disposition, while the gentle reproof that would suffice for the latter would when used on the former, be like attempting to hold a champing Bucephalus with reins of gossamer. God gives us in the disposition of each child a hint as

tion for his descendant. Remember Eli

and his two sons, Hophni and Phinehas.

to how we ought to train him, and, as God in the mental structure of our children indicates what mode of training is the best, he also indicates in the disposition their future occupation. Do not write down that child as dull because it may not now be as brilliant as. your other children or as those of your neighbor. Some of the mightiest men and women of the centuries had a stupid childhood. Thomas Aquinas was called at school "the dumb ox," but afterward demonstrated his sanctified genius and was called "the angel of the schools" and "the eagle of Brittany," Kindness and patience with a child will conquer almost anything, and they are virtues so Christianlike that they are inspiring to look at. John Wesley's kiss of a child on the pulpit stairs turned Matthias Joyce from a profligate into a flaming evangel. The third error prevalent in the training of children is the one sided development of either the physical, intellectual or moral nature at the expense of the others. Those, for instance, greatly mistake who, while they are faithful in the intellectual and moral culture of children, forget the physical. The bright eyes half quenched by night study, the cramped chest that comes from too much bending over school desks, the weak side resulting from sedentariness of habit, pale cheeks and the gaunt bodies of multitudes of children attest that physical

development does not always go along

with intellectual and moral. How do

you suppose all those treasures of knowl-

edge the child gets will look in shattered

casket? And how much will you give

for the wealthiest cargo when it is put

into a leaky ship? How can that bright,

sharp blade of a child's attainments be

wielded without any handle? What are

brains worth without shoulders to

carry them? What is a child with mag-

nificent mind but an exhausted body?

Better that a young man of 21 on footh

When Barbara was put to death by her into the world without knowing A from Z, if he have health of body and energy father because she had countermanded his order, and had three windows put in to push his way through the world, than a room instead of two, this cruel parent at 21 to enter upon active life, his head was a type of many who have acted the stuffed with Socrates, and Herodotus, Nero and the Robespierre in the home and Bacon, and La Place, but no physicircle. The heart sickens at what you cal force to sustain him in the shock of earthly conflicts. From this infinite blunder of parents how many have come out in life with a genius that could have piled Ossa upon Pelion, and mounted ing, and teasing, until the children are upon them to scale the heavens, and have vexed beyond bounds and growl in the laid down panting with physical exhaustion before a mole hill. They who might sleeve, and pout, and rebel, and vow within themselves that in after days they have thrilled senates and marshaled armies and startled the world with the shock of their scientific batteries, have passed their lives in picking up prescriptions for indigestion. They owned all the thunderbolts of Jupiter, but could not get out of their rocking chair to use them. George Washington in early life dows, and eight doors, and a table of was a poor speller, and spelled hat h-a-double-t, and a ream of paper he dren and the only way to keep them out spelled "rheam," but he knew enough of bitter quarrel was to have a separate to spell out the independence of this country from foreign oppression. The That child's nature is too delicate to be knowledge of the schools is important, but there are other things quite as im-

> Just as great is the wrong done when the mind is cultivated and the heart neglected. The youth of this day are seldom denied any scholarly attainments. Our schools and seminaries are ever growing in efficiency, and the students are conducted through all the realms of philosophy, and art, and language, and mathematics. The most hereditary obtuseness gives way before the onslaught of adroit instructors. But there is a development of infinite importance which mathematics and the dead languages cannot affect. The more mental power the more capacity for evil unless coupled with religious restraint. You discover what terrible power for evil unsanctified genius possesses when you see Scaliger with his scathing denunciations assaulting the best men of his time, and Blount Spinoza and Bolingbroke leading their hosts of followers into the all consuming fires of skepticism and infidelity. Whether knowledge is a mighty good or an unmitigated evil depends entirely upon which course it takes. The river rolling on between round banks makes all the valley laugh with golden wheat and rank grass, and ching hold the wheel of mill and factory, whirls it with great industries. But, breaking away from restraints and dashing over banks in red wrath, it washes away harvests from their moorings and makes the valleys shrink with the catastrophe. Fire in the furnace heats the house or drives the steamer: but, uncontrolled, warehouses go down in awful crash before it, and in a few hours half a city will lie in black ruin, walls and towers and churches and monument. You must accompany the education of the intellect with the education of the heart, or you are rousing up within your child an energy which will be blasting and terrific. Better a wicked

funce than a wicked philosopher. The fourth error often committed in the training of children is the suppression of childish sportfulness. The most triumphant death of any child that I ever knew was that of Scoville Havnes McCollum. A few days before that, he was at my house in Syracuse, and he ran like a deer and his hallo made the woods echo. You could near him coming a block off, so full was he of romp and laughter and whistle. Don't put religion on your child as a straight jacket. Parents after having for a good many years been jostled about in the rough world often lose their vivacity, and are astonished to see how their children can act so thoughtlessly of the earnest world all about them. That is a cruel parent who quenches any of the light in a child's soul. Instead of arresting its sportfulness.

go forth and help him trundle the hoop, and fly the kite, and build the snow castle. Those shoulders are too little to carry a burden, that brow is too young to be wrinkled, those feet are too sprightly to go along at a funeral pace. God bless their young hearts! Now is the time for them to be sportful. Let them romp and sing and laugh, and go with a rush and a hurrali. In this way they gather up a surplus of energy for future life. For the child that walks around with a scowl, dragging his feet as though they were weights and sitting down by the hour in moping and grumbling, l prophesy a life of utter inanition and discontent. Sooner hush the robins in the air till they are silent as a bat, and lecture the frisking lambs on the hillside until they walk like old sheep, than put exhilarant childhood in the stocks

The fifth error in the training of childhood is the postponement of its moral culture until too late. Multitudes of

children because of their precocity have been urged into depths of study where they ought not to go, and their intellects have been overburdened and overstrained and battered to pieces against Latin grammars and algebras, and coming forth into practical life they will hardly rise to mediocrity, and there is now a stuffing and cramming system of education in the schools of our country that is deathful to the teachers who have to en-

force it, and destructive to the children who must submit to the process. You find children at 9 and 10 years of age with school lessons only appropriate for children of 15. If children are kept in school and studying from 9 to 3 o'clock, no home study except music ought to be required of them. Six hours of study is enough for any child. The rest of the day ought to be devoted to recreation and pure fun. But you cannot begin too early the moral culture of a child, or on too complete a scale. You can look back upon your own life, and remember what mighty impressions were made upon you at 5 or 6 years of age, Oh,

that child does not sit so silent during your conversation to be uninfluenced by it. You say he does not understand, Although much of your phraseology is beyond his grasp, he is gathering up from your talk influences which will affect his immortal destiny. From the question he asks you long afterward you find he understood all about what you were saying. You think the child does not appreciate that beautiful cloud, but its most delicate lines are reflected into the very depths of the vonthful nature, and a score of years from now you will see the shadow of that cloud in the tastes and refinements developed. The song with which you sang that child to sleep will ccho through all its life, and ring back from the very arches of heaven, I think that often the first seven years of a child's life decides whether it shall be irascible, waspish, rude, false, hypocritical, or gentle, truthful, frank, obedient, honest and Christian. The present generations of men will pass off very much as they are now. Although the Gospel is offered them, the general rule is that drunkards die drunkards, thieves die thieves, libertines die libertines. Therefore to the youth we turn. Before they sow wild oats get them to sow wheat and barley. You fill the bushel measure with good corn, and there will be no room for husks. Glorious Alfred Cookman was converted at 10 years of age. At Carlisle, Pa., during the progress of a religious meeting in the Methodist church, while many were kneeling at the foot of the altar, this boy knelt in

a corner of the church all by himself and

said: "Precious Saviour, then art sav-

ing others, O, wilt thou not save me?"

A Presbyterian elder knelt beside him and led him into the light. Enthroned Alfred Cookman! Tell me from the skies, were you converted too early? But I cannot hear his answer. It is overpowered by the huzzas of the tens of thousands who were brought to God through his ministry. Isaac Watts, the great Christian poet, was converted at 9 years of age. Robert Hall, the great Baptist evangelist, was converted at 12 years of age. Jonathan Edwards, the greatest of American logicians, was con-

verted at 7 years of age. Oh for one generation of holy men and women. Shall it be the next? Fathers and mothers, you under God are to decide whether from your families shall go forth cowards, inebriates, counterfeiters, blasphemers, and whether there shall be those bearing your image and carrying your name festering in the low haunts of vice, and floundering in dissipation, and making the midnight of their lives horrid with a long howl of ruin, or whether from your family altars shall come the Christians, the reformers, the teachers, the ministers of Christ, the comforters of the troubled, the healers of the sick, the enacters of good laws, the founders of charitable institutions, and a great many who shall in the numbler spheres of toil and usefulness serve god and the best interests of the human race.

You cannot as parents shirk the responsibility. God has charged you with a mission, and all the thrones of heaven are waiting to see whether you will do your duty. We must not forget that it s not so much what we teach our children as what we are in their presence. We wish them to be better than we are, but the probability is that they will only be reproductions of our own character. German literature has much to say of the "specter of Brocken." Among those mountains travelers in certain conditions of the atmosphere see themselves copied on a gigantic scale in the clouds. At first the travelers do not realize that it is themselves on a larger scale. When they lift a hand or move the head this monster specter does the same, and with such enlargement of proportions that the scene is most exciting, and thousands have gone to that place just to behold the specter of Brocken. The probability is that some of our faults which we consider small and insignificant, if we do not put an end them, will be copied on a larger scale in the lives of our children, and perhaps dilated and exaggerated into spectral proportions. You need not go as far off as the Brocken to see that process. The first thing in importance in the education of our children is to make ourselves, by the grace of God, fit examples to be copied. The day will come when you must confront that child, not in the church pew on a calm Sabbath, but amid the consternation of the rising dead, and the flying heavens, and a burning world. From your side that son or daughter, bone of your bone, heart of your heart, the father's brow his brow, the mother's eve his eye, shall go forth to an eternal destiny. What will be your joy if at last you hear their feet in

the same golden highway and hear their voices in the same rapturous song, illustrations, while the eternal ages last, of what a faithful parent could, under God, accomplish. I was reading of a mother 10, dying, had all her children about he and teck each one of them by the hand, adasked them to meet her in heaven, and with tears and sobs, such as those only know who have stood by the deathbed of a good old mother, they all promised. But there was a young man of 19, who had been very wild and reckless, and hard, and proud, and when she took his hand she said: "Now, my boy, I want you to promise me before I die that you will become a Christian and meet me in heaven." The young man made no answer, for there was so much for him to give up if he made and kept such a promise. But the aged mother

"You won't deny me that before I go, will you? This parting must not be forever. Tell me now you will serve God and meet me in the land where there is no parting." Quaking with emotion he stood, making up his mind and halting and hesitating, but at last his stubbornness yielded and he threw his arms around his mother's neck and said: "Yes, mother; I will, I will." And as he finished the last word of his promise her spirit ascended. I thank God the roung man kept his promise. Yes, he kept it. May God give all mothers and fathers the gladness of their children's salvation.

For all who are trying to do their duty as parents-I quote the tremendous passage: Train up a child in the way in which he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." If through good discipline and prayer and godly example for are acting upon that child, you have the right to expect him to grow up virtuous. And how many tears of joy you will shed when you see your henorable and just and truthful and Christian and successful—a ho!y man amid a world of dishonesty, a godly woman in a world of frivolous pretension. When to die they will gather to bless year last hours. They will push back the white locks your cold forehead and say: "What a good father he always was to me!" They will fold your hands peacefully and say: "Dear mother! She is cone. Her troubles are all over. Den't she look beautiful?"

Interesting Paragraphs. A daily illustrated paper is projected in London. An American is one of the

Switzerland has recently adopted a law placing the manufacture of wines and liquors in the hands of the government. At Oxford, Pa., the other day, a sparrow hopped upon a pile of clams and was valves, which closed its shell together over the bird's foot,

A lady interfered with an impatient driver in Lynn and started a stubborn. balky horse attached to a heavily loaded coal wagon by giving the animal four apples and then simply saying, "Come Montann territory claims to be ready

for statehood, with plenty of property, plenty of population, 1,400,000 cattle, 190,000 horses, 2,000,000 sheep, and gold and silver at the rate of \$26,000,000 On the tombstone of Martha Annie Moore whose grave is in Old Wilner,

Ga., is this curious epitaph; "Boys, don't shoot birds around Martha's grave." The grave is in a wild wood where game is A 8 000 foot well is being sunk at San Diego, Cal. It is hoped that a supply of water equivalent to 2,000,000 gallons in

every twenty-four hours will be obtained from that and another deep well now There is a cotton plant at Narcoossec, Fla. which is over five feet across the branches and has from 350 to 400 blooms. buds, and bolls. It contains cotton in

all its stages, from the swelling bud to the mature article itself. lopted a novel and successful method of advertising. He took his old white cow, plastered her over from head to heels with advertisements, and set her at large

in the streets of the town.

PEOPLE EVERYBODY KNOWS.

Personal Items Concerning Men and Women Whom the World Talks About. The daughter of Ole Bull is preparing for the Harvard annex.

Queen Margaret, of Italy, has had capable Jewish instructors, can read the Old Testament in Hebrew with ease and has collected a large Hebrew library, with the latest works on Jewish litera-Dom Pedro I composed a song entitled

'Hymne de l'Independance," and it has just been executed for the first time at Baden Baden, under the direction of his son, Dom Pedro II, the present ruler of Brazil, who is said to be a talented mu-Mr. Edison has perfected his phono-

graph for practical use, and the machine is soon to be put on the market at a retail price of \$100. The Edison company claims that the machine will reproduce the voice so clearly and accurately that the words cannot be misunderstood.

George W. Cable, lately of Louisiana, now of Massachusetts, has developed not only into a great novelist, but is accounted one of the best biblical scholars in the east. He las a Bible class in Boston, and it is said receives a very large salary from it annually. He was here the other day, but hurried away to read somewhere. He wears a full dark beard and a thick mustache that struggles over and joins the mass of whiskers. His complexion is pallid and somewhat sallow. In dress he is not dandified and avoids anything loud. He wore a plain black frock coat, double breasted, and

When the late duke of Portland died most of his property went to his sisters, one of whom was Lady Ossington. As this lady was a widow she was assisted in the management of her great inheritance by her brother-in-law, the late A. Denison, and in return for his services she made him a considerable present in money. This money Mr. Denison invested in a sumptuous watch. A very musical repeater of the best workmanship was inclosed in a gold case literally studded with jewels, and each jewel a stone. The watch chain had a succession of black pearls, and the signet was a scarabæus. The worst of this costly him was that the owner scarcely dared wear the watch for fear of being robbel in the street, and could not leave it at home for fear of a burglary. If ever the habit of cigarette smoking

has thoroughly and permanently fastened itself upon any man, that man is Robert Louis Stevenson, the popular romancer. During a trifle of over one hour of conversation on his brief visit to New York recently, an average sized bundle of cigarettes was entirely consumed by the novelist in rapid succession. Mr. Stevenson has entirely rained his health by the practice, and both of his lungs have been impaired beyond medical skill solely by the constant inhaling of the deadly smoke. He is frankly conscious of the evil effects of the vice that has so securely conquered him, and despite the most carnest efforts of his mother, wife and friends, the practice goes on unabated. With Mr. Stevenson a cigarette is his last of all lands have warned in vain, fearing the culminating effects on a constitution

already nearly shattered, and on a mind from which has emanated those wonderful romances that have made their author so widely popular in English reading

An Egyptian Papyrus.

Lepsins, the director of the Egyptian department of the royal museums of Berlin, Germany, a very famous Egyptologist, at his death left a remarkable papyrus which he had obtained from an English lady, Miss Westcar. According to its language it was written about the seventeenth century before Christ, the period of the delivery of Egypt from the rule of the Ayksos (Jews?). It measures nearly two yards in length and is about fourteen inches high. On one side it contains nine, on the other three, columns of an average of twenty-six horizontal lines of writing each. Some parts of the writing are entirely obliterated, many so much as to be unreadable. The beginning and the conclusion are gone entirely. Nevertheless, the recitals have been read and sufficiently restored to become intel-

One of the tales is that King Snofru was sad of heart, and on the advice of Zezemonch, the priest and reader to the king, had a boat manned by twenty beautiful parswomen and went on a voyage. One of the women happened to drop a precious jewel of malachite into the sea, and was so overwhelmed with grief that she dropped her car and the boat came to a standstill. The king was dismayel. But Zezemonch raised one-half of the waters of the lake and clapped it on top of the other half, leaving half of the bottom of the lake dry, descended and brought up the jewel, and the boat resumed its journey. Another legend of the papyrus says the god of the sun. Re, had triplets by Reddedet, the wife of the priest Baweser, who, he decreed, should dethrone the Egyptian dynasty and rule in its stead. But one of Rededdet's maids went to the king, Chufu (Cheops). and tells him what has happened that the gods have already given boys three dialers of gold. Then De the king's magician, counts the count in a fearful inundation, destroying everything except the three boys, who are saved by Re. So, it seems, neither the

emperor of China, nor Hercules, nor Romulus and Remus, were the first sons of the gods bearing rule on earth. - Chi-Electricity Among the Grapevines. A man who lives but a few miles out of Albany protects his grapevines from fruit thieves in a novel manner. The supports are of wood, but the cross pieces

are of wire insulated from the ground, and connected with an induction coil capable of delivering a heavy spark through an inch of air. The other pole of the coil is connected to the ground, Six good sized bichromate of potash cells. furnish electro motive force for the coil, Short wires hanging among the vines are secured to the large wires, and when any one monkeys with the grapevine while the battery is connected the neighborhood is apt to hear from him. It works every time, and no one comes for a second dose. - Albany Argus,

Time for Recreation What little reputation I have as an author-was fairly won while I was a hard working and successful lawyer. On the other hand, my literary work meyer interfered in the least with my law proctice. I look upon a well set method of working as the chief secret of success in any undertaking, provided the native ability to succeed be granted. I believe in the moral influence and vitalizing force of playing. A man or a woman needs play-recreation-or whatever is the opposite of work. I have always found time for outdoor sports and have been the gainer from them, in every sense. It is a morbid view of life which A merchant of Merrill. Wis., has would show that in order to succeed one must work all the year round, Play is profitable if held within the bounds prescribed by good judgment.

I have frequently lost "business" in my profession by being absent from my

office when a client called, but it has not made me poor or wretched. On the contrary, I have gone right on getting together a comfortable little fortune, despite the clients I have lost, and I am glad whenever I think about the pleasure I had at my outdoor recreation while some some needier or more money loving lawyer was getting a few cases at my expense. To some people it may sound like romance when I say that for nine years past I have spent on an average three months of each year in outdoor recreation, at the same time successfully practicing law and pursuing literary work with sufficient returns to make a very comfortable bank account. Meantime I have been cheerful, in good health and at all times glad to be alive. What is the secret? Steady habits, promptness in meeting every obligation in law or literature, and a conscientious reliance upon the value of painstaking labor.-Maurice

Abolish the Hangman's Noose. I think the day is not far distant when the hangman's noose will be done away with. There are so many things attendant on a hanging that are not humane. The horrors of the human mind when contemplating such a death have been portrayed in "The Execution," in the "Ingoldsby Legends," better, perhaps, neither of them could describe that wester

of all men's failings-moral fear.

Regardless of the stolid features when the death warrant is being read, there is 10 indication of the awful mental drama going on in the brain. It must of nature be the agony of agonies. The neck winges and the flesh feels the noose long before it is adjusted. The knot that is to knock into instantaneous insensibility the scaffold's victim batters away at the ar until every muscle of the neck is stretched to the tension of steel springs; the veins, like whipcords, are dilated with rushing blood that fires the brain with the lividness of 100 hells; while standing on the trap a man must die a dozen deaths before the life spark exoires when the hemp is stretched. I say that this death is not humane. As I view it, electricity should be used and the criminal shocked to death. This is not only instantaneous, but it could be idministered at an unguarded moment the felon. He should never know would not be living in that horrid contemplation of a set day. I think the time s not far distant when this method of execution will be adopted.-Governor Johnson in Globe-Democrat.

Had Swallowed Bis Teeth. A short time since a man was taken to one of the hospitals suffering intense pain. He informed the doctors that his nome was down in the country, and that f he should die he wished to be sent there. The physicians asked him what ne supposed caused the pain. "Why, I swallowed my plate and four false teeth while asleep the other night," was the answer. The patient was put upon iquid food and all the examinations nade by the medicos failed to locate the wallowed article. The man's sufferings were lessened considerably and as a test t was decided to give him a little piece of beefsteak. This was done and the poor patient was writhing in agony a "Oh, my God!" he exclaimed, "this is cilling me! I know I shall die!" and nunerous other such speeches.

The physicians and nurses could hardly reep him in bed, he suffered so much. Again he broke forth in exclamations. This time he said: "Oh, how I suffer! I can feel the teeth tearing my stomach apart! Oh-" he did not finish until a nurse opened a telegram from his wife. It read: "Found teeth under bed." The suffering man, who had swallowed those teeth, got up and dressed, paid his bill and left the bospital without a word. This is only an illustration of what imag-

nation will do. -Buffalo Express. Winter Resorts of Europe. The great winter resorts of Europe for those in search of mild weather are to be found in the south of France and Italy, including Sicily. The principal places where good hotels, cozy villas and the comforts of life are to be found are Biar ritz and Pau (the first on the seacoast. the second in the Pyrenees), Hyeres, Cannes, Nice and Mentone, in France, and San Remo, in Italy, all on the Mediterranean between Marseilles and Genoa. At these places good comfortable quarters, good society, good shops and able physicians may be found, with many more diversions and pleasures than can be had at the winter resorts in our own country. For persons in health, and for those in delicate health without any settled lung or throat trouble, for such as desire or equire an open air life in a mild winter climate, they all offer attractions and comforts greater as a whole than any I. have ever found elsewhere; but, like all climatic resorts, they have their objectionable features when presented for the abode of consumptives, which should neither be unknown nor forgotten.—William Smith Brown in Harper's Magnine.

The resurvey of Formosa discloses the The resurvey of Formosa discloses the fact that much of the land is held in seigniories or manors. The carly Chinese petty squatters had no titles for the land appropriated from the sevence and/as soon as it was cultivated the powerful gents, which thus piaced them had tion to treat the cultivators as tenants at will.—Chicago News.

Chain of Prairie Dog Towns.

There is a chain of prairie dog towns along the Texas and Pacific road, beginning west of Abilene and extending nearly to Big Springs. The little fellows nearly to Big Springs. The little fellows always climb upon their hills and squat on their hind feet to watch the train go with all this. She hasn't with mind, by. Hunters tell me it is almost impossible to kill one of the dogs and get his body, so quickly does he dive into his hole at the explosion of a gun. Frequently, if fatally hit, the little burrower falls dead into his earth domicil. Men have tried to make them come out of their burrows by pouring great quantities of water in at the mouth of the hole, but they will not emerge even at that treatment. Some of the villages cover five acres of ground, and I think their territory extends for 100 miles along my run in Texas.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Modest Check. In the negotiations made some years

ago by the English government for a loan of \$80,000,000 the successful contractors were the Messrs, Rothschild, In paying the first deposit toward this amount to the government the check they drew was for the sum of \$6,000,000. This was probably the largest check ever drawn by a private banking house.-Detroit Free Press.

To Write a Play. . When Dumas, the younger, once asked his father how to write a play, the elder answered: "It is very simple; the first act clear, the last act short and interest everywhere."

Princess Beatrice is said to be writing some clever verse. Two of her little gens have recently found their way into a collection of English poems.

METHODS OF REFORM SCHOOLS The Means of Amendment-What Statis tics Indicate-Conversation.

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In the United States are about sevents institutions designed for the reformation of young offenders. Their inmates number more than 9,000 boys and girls. The causes of commitment embrace nearly every offense, from petty larceny to manslaughter. The means of amendment employed include not only the removal of the offender from the opportunity of ndulging his criminal tastes, but also the teaching of some trade, instruction in the elementary branches of knowledge, and endeavor to form an upright character. Concerning the success of the reform school in the reformation of those intrusted to it, there is room for two contrary opinions. In an examination of the convicts of the prisons of New York, which was ordered by the Prison association of the state in 1875, it was found that of the inmates of the Sing Sing penitentiary, 22.31 per cent. had been "refuge" boys. As the usual number of the inmates of the reformatories of New York exceeds 3,000, it is plain that the large proportion of them do not become in-

mates vary from 60 per cent. to 75. But" percentages are included many sourspasser without being vicious, but exposed and homeless, are received into louses of refuge. The proportion, thereore, of those who have served in reform schools who are afterward convicted of crimes is small, not exceeding 30 or 40 per cent. Yet statistics indicate that the offluence of these schools in impressing evil habits upon a certain class of their boys is exceedingly strong. Of the 22.31

As to the reforms accomplished, esti

nates of prisons within the state.

per cent. of the Sing Sing convicts exmined who had been in these schools, 8 per cent.-fifty-one out of fifty-twovere habitual crimmals. Some light is thrown upon the methods by which the eform school helps to fix the habit of criminality by the following conversation between a convict at Sing Sing and an xaminer:

"Please, sir, may I ask you a ques ion?" asks the convict. "Certainly," is the examiner's reply. "Why do they send boys to the house

f refuge?" "I suppose it is to teach them to be bet-"That's a great mistake, for they get

"How should that be?" "I wouldn't be here only I was sent to

"What did you learn there that should

have caused you to be sent here?" "I didn't know how to pick pockets efore I went, and I didn't know no ences; that's where you sell what you teal, you know."

"What else did you learn in the way of thieving?"

"I learned how to put up a job in ourglary.' Another inmate—who at the age of 7 stole fruit, and was sent to a reform chool at Albany for fine months: at 8. was found guilty of petit larceny, and ent to the house of refuge; at 12, was committed to a juvenile asylum, and escaped three times in four days; and three ther times before reaching his majority was sentenced to reformatories, and who

ommitted to prison no less than ton imes-remarked to the examiner: "I never learned a thing in my life in orison to benefit me outside. The house of refuge is the worst place a boy could

"Why so?" "Boys are worse than men; I believe ovs know more mischief than men. In the house of refuge I learned to sneak-

thief, shoplift, pick pockets and open a "How did you get an opportunity to

earn all this?"

"There's plenty of chance. They learn t from each other when at play."—Rev. Charles F. Thwing in Harper's Magazine.

For the information of numismatists, ollectors of coins, coin dealers, etc., Diector of the United States Mint Kimball has prepared a circular giving definitions technical terms used in mint regulations, and other useful explanations of coinage matters. A com is said to be 'proof" when it is specially struck is

and press, instead of steam press, from a polished planchet, and a "proof set" is complete set of proofs of current coins. A "pattern piece" is an early specimen of proof from a newly adopted comage lie or dies. An impression in soft meta "trial piece." When a piece is struck from regular dies on experimental metal or allow, or from experimental dies with experimental legends, devices or designs, nominated an "experimental please. Trial and experimental pieces, strate

mint purposes only, will not be lause circulated or sold. Pieces popular known as restrikes, false metal piece and metallic replicas, or copies, are proand pattern pieces are sold by the super intendent of the mint. The superintend of will furnish without charge a tern piece to any incorporated nur

with all this. She hasn't with mind, and I'm afraid she'll lose the little she

has."-New York Sun. The Poachers' Trick, The Denbighshire police went out to waylay a gang of notorious poachers, but were surprised to see them return empty handed. Shortly afterwards three Welsh damsels followed with a suspicious display of bustle, which, on investigation, turned out to be due to the presence of twenty-seven rabbits and two long lengths of rabbit netting.-Chicago

Swindlers of China. The native merchants of China are said to be inveterate swindlers. A foreign dealer at Tientsin recently contracted for 1,500 bales of camel's wool, guaranteed free from dirt and sand. When the Frst installment had passed through the cleaning machine 35 per cent. of its gross weight was found to be sand and gravel. and besides that the wool had been wel to make the dirt stick in and also to make

it heavier.-Foreign Letter. The continuous decrease of crime in England is very remarkable. So recently as 1869 the prisons contained no less than 11,600 convicts. In July last there were only 7,441. What is also very interesting the education act marked the turning point in the history of crime. Since the passage of that act the decrease of cripahas been steady.