

THE RISE OF THE CHESTNUT

It is a matter of reproach to our social scientists that the habits and customs of the joke have received so little attention. It is an error of the vulgar to suppose that a joke is a literary meteor that flashes across the intellectual sky for a moment and then disappears forever. Even trained observers have been deceived into expressing much the same opinion and a celebrated scientist, whose services to mankind justify us in conceding his name in connection with the charge, was heard to declare that a joke was "an instance of intellectual abatement unworthy of serious attention." Nothing could be further from the facts. Leaving aside any discussion of the first cause of the joke, which would involve us in the obscurities of metaphysical discussion, we may state boldly that the joke has well-defined habits and peculiarities, and a study of its history and development is well worthy of the attention of the foremost minds of science.

Civil-Service Examination.

Mr. James Furrowalker, having become tired of machine politics, aspires to a permanent official position under the Federal Government, and having had several years' experience as sugar expert, he applies for the office of Sugar Inspector in the customs service. In due time he is summoned before the Civil Service Examining Board. Feeling confident of his general intelligence, and of his special qualifications for the position, he presents himself for examination, wearing an easy and comfortable suit.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Hawkins & Sons, cotton spinners, of Preston, England, have failed. Liabilities £78,000. President Cleveland's message to Congress, read on the 8th inst., is generally regarded as an unusually able paper. Senator Colquitt, of Georgia, has been nominated for Vice-President by an Indiana clergyman of the Northern Methodist church.

THE American Public Health Association has been in session at Washington for several days, and essays upon important diseases have been read by a number of prominent physicians from all parts of the country.



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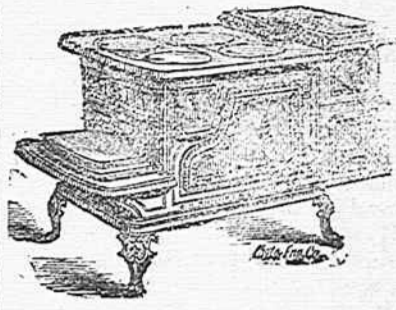
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"I am a very timid man," says a subscriber in Ohio. "I am nervous, constitutionally timid; a very afraid, in fact. I am ashamed of what I can't help can't I adopt in the practice of occupation can I be mostly safe from harm or danger?"

The Virginia Senate has recently passed a joint resolution instructing their Senators and Representatives in Congress to vote for the Blair educational bill, or any other measure having for its purpose and object an appropriation for the benefit of the public schools of that and other States in common.

The annual address before the South Carolina Bar Association was delivered in the Hall of Representatives on Wednesday by the Hon. John Dillon, one of the most prominent and successful members of the New York bar.

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