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larger tract be taken to afford a good vantage for the building. Now that the state has appropriated over \$4,500,000 to complete the building which shelters the legislature and state offices, there is a demand for a larger park, so that the superb state house can be seen. There are few handsomer buildings in the country, certainly no state capitol that can surpass it for graceful proportions and wealth of architectural detail. The building is as great in circumference as St. Peter's in Rome, yet can scarcely be seen, because it is hidden in the centre of an active, bustling city. To get a proper view, one which will afford a chance to appreciate its beauties, a person must go into the country, and of course that is neither advantageous nor convenient. The building is destined to be the pride of a state, and there should, in the opinion of those who have seen other state capitols and who have studied such matters, be something done at once to give better surroundings.

The capitol is set in the midst of a small park, but it is so shaped that on the east and west the building is close to the streets. On the west side there is more chance to see the building, as it is set back a few hundred feet and is approached by a broad flight of steps. This affords an impressive view at close range. A block away the view is seriously circumscribed, and only a part of the building can be seen. Extension of this side would be exceedingly expensive, as the best part of Harrisburg, the leading churches, the finest residences and many institutions, possessing ornamental buildings, are located there. This side, however, furnishes an example of what failure to take advantage of an opportunity sometimes costs. Eighty years ago this very section between the park and the Susquehanna was offered to the state for \$35,000. Now it could not be bought for five or six millions.

Happily the east side is just the reverse. It is on this part that it is proposed to take in some 20 city blocks for extension of the park. The capitol on this side rises almost from the house line to the height of 200 feet or so, and can not be seen to any advantage. There is only one place from which a decent glimpse can be obtained, and that is from a bridge some distance away, and it does not give anything like a satisfactory view. The blocks which are crossed by four streets running each way and some alleys are among the poorest in Harrisburg. Some of the alleys contain small, rickety buildings, and the general character of the houses is poor, and to acquire them will not take much trouble or money. In fact, their removal would be a good thing. The

proximity of this section of the city to the capitol has caused more than one legislator in years gone by to wish that something could be done to add it to the park, and now is the time, before improvements are made to streets and when values are low. In a few years it will take a much larger sum than now estimated, and meanwhile the capitol building will be practically hidden.

Tricks of Thieves.

"Thieves resort to clever methods in order to get away with the goods," said an old police officer, "and I am firmly convinced that if the criminals of the world would devote the same amount of time, talent and patience to thinking out uplifting and advantageous schemes for humankind they would in a short while revolutionize the world in many useful ways. But somehow the mind of the criminal seems to be sharper, if I may say it, and brighter and quicker than the mind of the honest man. The fact may be explained in any number of ways. In the first place, the criminal has nothing to do but think out some plan of getting something that doesn't belong to him. That is his special business. Quite naturally the plan he works out under those circumstances will often startle even the oldest men in the police departments of the country. Who would have thought of the wire saw, a thing so small that it can be slipped in between the layers of the shoe sole, but the criminal who found in it a ready, convenient and unassuming means of escape? He is constantly thinking up some new scheme. Here we find a man and woman in a jewelry store. The woman carries a parrot with her. The bird suddenly gets away and begins to flutter around in the store. The jeweler is afraid the parrot will break something. He tries to catch it and succeeds after a short while. A small purchase is made. The man and the woman leave. Result, several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry gone. It was stolen during the excitement over the bird. Good scheme, eh? Yet it is but one out of a million worked by the clever degenerates of the world."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Spinning Wheel in Ireland.

The spinning wheel and the flax wheel are still found in the Irish cottages, where many a girl has her wedding dowry of linen and homespun made at home. Although it is more the task of the older women, there are still girls who do their spinning stint and lay by a certain amount for their wedding outfit. A pleasant sight it is to see the elderly women outside their cottage doors spinning the flax or the

wool. As long as the weather is warm the sturdy Irishwoman, old or young, scorns a roof except to sleep under. The free air and sunshine are her choice, and the sweet sky is the fairest roof.

Think Straight.

It would be impossible for a lawyer to make a reputation in his profession while continually thinking about medicine or engineering. He must think about law and must study and become thoroughly imbued with its principles. It is unscientific to expect to attain excellence or ability enough to gain distinction in any particular line while holding the mind upon and continually contemplating something radically different.—Success.

Sign of the Gambler.

When you see a man excessively shined up, new overcoat, new hat, trousers painfully creased, shoes that reflect images of the surroundings; when you see him enter a car, throw the tail of his coat up his back before dropping into a seat, stretch out his legs, jerk up his trousers and begin to clean his nails, it is safe to bet \$1,000,000 he is a successful gambler.—New York Press.

A Hard Task.

Midget—The fat lady says she had a hard time making both ends meet. Glasscater—Was she in debt when she said that? Midget—No, she was trying to put on her belt.—Chicago News.

His Luck Changed.

"John," she said reproachfully as he came home at 2 a. m., "you have been out again."
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