

RANDOM REMARKS.

Thoughts on Various Topics by a Casual Observer.

Mr. Springer is still springing to the rescue. Having contributed \$100. to Miss Pollard during the progress of her trial against Breckinridge, this unknown philanthropist is now up in a balloon on his way to Coxe. He says he has \$1,000 for Coxe when he gets to Washington by navigating the air. He is up in the clouds somewhere with six days rations. Stand from in under.

Just when political prophets of all parties were beginning to feel sure that Democracy had run its course and was only waiting for an election to be turned out of office, along comes the sad news from the home of McKinley that tariff reform and income-tax and Democracy back of them, are all indorsed, even in Ohio, where the Republican is left and a Democrat is elected to Congress while Coxe goes marching on.

The mint-sight in Philadelphia can be bought for \$340,000. Something less than a half million, it is true; but if this is dirt cheap, Philadelphia dirt seems a little dear.

Report reaches us from Birmingham, Ala., of a mine being blown up by strikers and of their terrorizing all with whom they came in contact. Dynamite was exploded under the boilers and machinery as well as at the headings of the slopes.

The following extract shows how it goes when a newspaper man attempts to get an office: "A bitter fight has begun between M. H. De Young, of the San Francisco Chronicle, and Senator Perkins for the latter's seat."

But for the quarrel over the well-paid privilege of selling land to the government, no doubt the frequently condemned Government Printing Office would be vacated for fear of a collapse of the old structure. But whenever Uncle Sam wants to buy anything, there are always so many who want to sell that he has to move slow, very slow, in all his business affairs. The same trouble exists about locating a mint in Philadelphia.

In eastern Africa there is said to be much land of extraordinary fertility which is only waiting Berks county farming to make it yield enormous returns. Minerals are also there in vast quantities, and among them gold and silver unalloyed. The forests will furnish lumber enough to supply the world for two centuries, it is said. Mrs. French Sheldon seems to have an eye on eastern Africa. She wants white folks to go there and teach the negroes how to do things; especially how to make banana flour and bread, and how to trade and barter like white folks. She wants all this and more considerably towards getting some clothes on the natives, and right in the face of the fact that "where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise."

While reading of destructive bomb-throwing by anarchists abroad, we almost listen for it these days at home. But poverty is not so apt to incite it in the land of the free as is the wounded plutocrat frenzied by legal enactments that he is no longer permitted to control.

Notwithstanding their handsome pay for the little they do, our Congressmen can't bear the idea of being docked for being absent when wanted to make up a quorum. A minority report recently came from the Judiciary Committee touching upon the matter and begging the question, so to speak. The minority contends that for twenty-eight years Congress has regarded the ducking section as having been repealed, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms has no legal right now to enforce it. On the other hand the majority claim his legal right to enforce it, and not to shirk this duty because his predecessors for twenty-eight years failed to dock absentees when wanted to make up a quorum.

Trouble never comes singly it does seem, and accordingly some of the Coxe work-escapers have small pox heaped upon their other calamities. This will have a tendency to retire them temporarily from the show business, and from entrance to the kitchen through the back door. Even the cooks will now be apt to give them the cold shoulder, instead of ham and lock the doors on them. It will be a sad time for Coxe & Co., when their own receive them not, and the other class fail to contribute.

Mr. Hoar says, just as though it would deter a modern statesman, that the Senators who vote for the tariff bill will violate their oaths. We have wondered for sometime what stumbling blocks were in the pathway of the tariff bill, and now that it is the sacred oath (between Representative and rich constituent) that stands in the way we must confess we are all broke up about the tariff question. We regard the condition as deplorable, indeed.

It's a little distant, but we mention the fact as a matter of foreign news, that King Leopold opened the Antwerp Exposition or World's Fair on May 5th. We might also mention, in order to fill up, that the Queen and the Princesses of the royal family were there, besides the Countess of Flanders and Prince Von Hohenzollern. Being a subscriber for the "Magic City" portfolios, at ten cents apiece, it is possible we will not get to the World's Fair that King Leopold opened.

"In spite of all," says Dunn's Review, "business improvement still appears." This verifies the remark of Senator Mills that agriculture is the staple product or industry of America upon which business largely depends. As for corporate wealth, it is still on the strike along with its employees. The manufacturers are striking against Uncle Sam, who threatens to try to equalize profits as between the classes and the masses.

INDUSTRIES.

Some things we are permitted to comprehend (not many after a!) to our apparent satisfaction, while in the vast majority of cases we have but a superficial knowledge, we must admit whether we want to or not. The interminable question of our commercial relations at home and abroad, for instance is too complex for our ordinary comprehension, and the longer our enlightened statesmen and students of political economy so radically differ about the cause and effect of high and low tariff the dumber we seem to get, not only about the relative effects of high or low tariff, or the cause and effect of high or low license, but we are actually led entirely into the 3d story of philosophical reflection by the wily words of our statesmen who want to return to Congress; and they seem to drop us there, leaving us to find our way down stairs again as best we can. Though we may easily crack our brains or break our necks getting back to the ground floor again it matters but little to them, only so we return them to Congress or magnify their depth of thought as students of political economy. Right along this train of thought, and without attempting to account for the present business depression in plain English, Dunn's Review says: "It is now, as it has been for nearly a year, the amazement of intelligent observers that the United States suffers so little from reverses which other lands share, but which fall more heavily here than any where else. If Dunn's Review can't solve how we as a nation suffer so little commercially, when deliberately assailed from Maine to California, we can only attribute it to some higher power than comes within the control of our politicians as a rule. Revolutions may come and go by force of political maneuvering for power and pelf, but with God above and freemen on earth let us ever take courage and hope for the best."

The following bit of smuggled California news would seem to indicate that the Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals should move to California:

Too much attention from society girls, who sought to win his title by marriage, fairly drove Baron Uechritz, of Berlin, Chamberlain to the Emperor and officer of the Royal Lancers, out of the city after two months' stay. He brought letters of introduction which secured him entrance to the civil clubs and to a few houses on Nob Hill. He became a conspicuous figure in the swell set, and received many attentions.

He suddenly fled yesterday, after declaring in an interview that he was driven out of San Francisco by the importunities of young women who were anxious to exchange their hearts and hands and fortunes for his rank and his castle on the Rhine. Fabulous fortunes were even laid at the baron's feet, he says. When the society women finally would give him no peace and his mail became a thing to be dreaded, the baron fled the city.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

A Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (which by the way we should like to see in every city, borough and township of America) reports the prosecution and successful conviction of 4,170 cases since their organization in 1868. The total number of cases investigated by the society from April, 1868, to March, 1894, was 85,451, the majority of which were remedied without prosecution. For the year 1893 to 1894 there were 5,385 complaints of cruelty to animals, besides 960 animals that were taken from work because of their crippled condition or sickness. While most of these cases were remedied without prosecution, by simply warning the perpetrators as for the future, still it was deemed best for pity sake to prosecute a good many in human brutes not worthy to be classed among men.

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THE TWIN BED.

Fashion Has Adopted a Sensible Hygienic Fad.

Fashion has given its sanction to the use of the single bed, and large numbers of so-called "twin-bedsteads" are now in the market, and many of them made of costly woods rich with carving. They are so designed that when placed side by side the effect is that of one wide bedstead, whereas a separate spring mattress and bed clothing are provided for each one.

It is well known that the double bed is unhygienic, and medical journals have been condemning it for some time past, one writer claiming that injury to one or the other of the two people sleeping in this way is sure to result in time. Particularly is this true with regard to the young and aged; but by the use of the twin bed they may occupy the same room and sleep side by side without harm to either.

There is no class, perhaps, who need the refreshment and rest which comes of occupying a bed alone so much as household servants, and they are the people of all others who are condemned to the very poorest sleeping accommodations.

In city houses this is notably the case, and in one home known to the writer the five servants are all obliged to sleep in one large room in the basement. In every other respect much kindness is shown them, but in order that the family may be lodged luxuriously they must suffer. By the use of single beds two members of a family who now occupy separate rooms might be made very comfortable in one, thus providing an extra room to be given up to the servants.

It is far wiser and fitter to show consideration in this way to those who serve us than to be constantly making presents of money and cast-off clothing—a practice which never fails to have a demoralizing effect.

Two iron bedsteads painted white (each three feet wide), placed side by side, look well if dressed with a spread of pretty light-colored chintz and a round bolster covered to match. This is the neatest and most tasteful way of arranging a bed in the daytime, and seems to be coming into very general use. The old-time valance has also been revived, and this, if used, should be of the same chintz as the covering, or all in white if the bed is so draped. It is particularly suited to the iron bedstead just mentioned, and may easily be fastened about it, but it must be kept daintily fresh and free from dust, otherwise its revival would prove a disadvantage. Picturesqueness should always be a secondary feature in a bedroom.—Harper's Bazar.

Dolls for Hospital Babies.

The present winter has revealed the capacity of the American people for "charitable charity"—at least, the methods of charity seem almost infinite in their variety. It is probable that one result of the hard times in this coun-



try will be an immense and permanent advance in charitable work.

One of the most beautiful ideas of the winter in New York was that which supplied the poor, sick and crippled children in the hospitals with pretty dolls. Our picture represents a view in Bellevue Hospital taken after a distribution of dolls to the tiny patients. The New York Herald deserves credit for instituting this truly benevolent idea.

Boys from Twelve to Twenty.

Boys from twelve to twenty are the most important factors of society, and should receive the best thought and care of home, State and church, where as they do not receive even an average amount. Infant years, on the other hand, have been greatly over-estimated in regard to their influence upon the mental and moral life of man. Under the age of ten the child, physically, mentally and morally, is in the germ. During the first twelve months of life the babe is coming into consciousness of its own life, learning how to recognize its mother; how to use its eyes for seeing, ears for hearing, hands for feeling, voice for laughing and speaking, feet for walking. In a like manner the first twelve years of childhood are used in coming into a knowledge of the great world about him. They are years in which he learns to use words, books and tools; learns to distinguish form, size, number and color of objects; learns his way about the village, town and neighboring city; learns, in short, his relation to the surrounding world. They are years of awakening, constant surprises. He has no taste or ability for mature or continued thought. During these early years you can no more establish the mental, moral or religious life of the child than you can determine what shall be the first ten words the babe shall speak, or on what day or hour it shall take its first step.

Mother and Lover.

"No young man shall ever entice my little daughter from home by telling her how sweet she is while I have my tongue in my head and the power of speech. Every day of her blithesome life I sing her praise, and twice as often I refer to the means of correcting some defect, for no one is perfect." And that's the way one proud mother keeps the confidence and holds the love of a little girl who has pretty ways and a pretty face.

Occupations for Women.

According to the last census, there are 110 women lawyers in the United States, 165 women ministers, 320 women authors, 588 women journalists, 2,601 artists, 2,136 architects, 2,106 stock raisers and ranchers, 5,135 government clerks, 2,488 physicians and surgeons, 13,182 professional musicians, 53,800 farmers and planters, 21,071 clerks and bookkeepers, 14,465 heads of commercial houses, and 153,000 women school teachers.

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