

Lancaster Intelligencer.

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 19, 1893.

A Great Undertaking.

Major Dittmars left a great work to Dr. Compton when he confided to him the task of discovering to children their peculiar aptitudes in life and starting them on their rejoicing way therein. Major Dittmars was greatly impressed by the fact that there is so defective an adjustment in life of round pegs to round holes. There can hardly be a question that every man has a special fitness for one occupation more than for another; yet it certainly very often happens that he does not find it out and adapt himself to it. There are plenty of doctors who are not naturally fitted for their work; and plenty of lawyers who are not adapted to theirs; and clergymen, schoolmasters, merchants, mechanics, artists, editors, who make very poor work at their business. In truth the large majority of men are not efficient in the duties they assume. The only question is as to whether they are any better qualified by nature for other occupations. Many may not be, but many certainly are. We can certainly say that a large number of stout, able-bodied professional gentlemen would better wield the pick and shovel than the defter implemets of their more elevated calling. And the class of common laborers would be improved by transferring the physically weak to lighter manual toil. If Mr. Dittmars' idea could be carried out and each citizen be assigned to the vocation he is best fitted for, it would seem that a great good would be done to the state.

But the Lord does not seem to intend that there should be such a fitness of things, and we greatly fear that neither Mr. Dittmars' fortune nor Dr. Compton's zeal will suffice to create the very desirable revolution proposed. It is to be noticed that children do not often know what occupation they are best fitted for; their parents do not know, neither do their teachers. The child's inclination is a poor guide to his talent, and generally there is even no inclination. There are parents and teachers of sagacity sufficient to detect a child's particular capabilities, when it has any, but they are not numerous. If Dr. Compton can find teachers of such discernment, and can then get hold of the children who will submit themselves to the course of sprouts necessary for their development, he may make some headway in his enterprise; if he heirs let him get the money for the experiment.

We suggest to the doctor that he had better start out by selecting one particular occupation to adorn with its most proper professors; and there is no better business to select for the improvement of its practitioners than the doctor's own. We submit to him that there is a fearful number of doctors who were never designed by nature to be in the profession, on the theory that Providence has given us physicians to cure instead of killing us. The practice of medicine not only imperatively demands a natural aptitude for it, but that aptitude is one which is particularly easy of ascertainment by observation; it is, therefore, a business which invites the very first application of the experiment to which Mr. Dittmars has devoted his fortune. We know that the genial disposition of Dr. Compton will be delighted at the opportunity which is offered it of illuminating the medical profession and of serving his fellowmen. Let Mr. Dittmars' gift be the foundation of a medical school in our city, wherein may be weighed and tested the medical aptitude of would-be doctors. If the weighmasters chosen to make the delicate test are sagacious enough to do it well the experiment will be a success. The fame of the institution will bring it plenty of business; and from this small acorn a great tree may grow. Certainly there could be no greater work attempted than to put men where they can do the most good; and the benefaction of Mr. Dittmars has our best wishes for its success.

Doubtful Evidence.

Down in Louisiana, the other day, one young clergyman shot another; after the precise and deliberate manner in which Nat and Thompson shot their victims. The provocation in each case was the alleged seduction of a woman, in the one case, a wife, in another, a sister and in the third, a betrothed. The evidence in each case of the alleged offence was about the same—the unworn statement of a woman. There are two objections which may reasonably be made by the public to this method of destroying an enemy. In the first place, it is not the plan adopted by the state, which has enacted that every one accused of crime shall be tried therefor by a regularly appointed judge and jury. In the second place, it seems proper that if private vengeance is to be permitted to supplant public execution, the evidence of the guilt of the victim should be adequate. And perhaps on reflection it may be considered that the declaration of a woman informally made is hardly sufficient of itself to justify the taking of the life she evidently thirsts for when she accuses the man who bears it. No one can say that female innocence is protected by feeding female jealousy or hate; therefore, certainly it behooves all those who claim that the seducer is justly slain to maintain at least that the offense shall be clearly shown before vengeance for it is taken.

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THE DEFT OF CURRENT EVENTS.

Matters of Interest from the Morning Mail—Baseball and Trade Notes.

Baseball yesterday—Louisville: Eclipse, 19; Baltimore, 6; Cincinnati: Cincinnati, 6; Athletic, 0; Columbus, 0; Columbus, 4; Allegheny, 6; Providence: Detroit, 3; Providence, 7; St. Louis: St. Louis, 3; Metropolitan, 7; ten innings.

The trade journal at Pittsburgh reported that the meeting of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, held at that city on Saturday, was devoted to the consideration of the proposed extension of the line from Philadelphia to New York.

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Rev. Arthur Ritchie, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, in Chicago, announced to his congregation on Sunday that he had resigned his post. His resignation grows out of differences between himself and the bishop, owing to the latter's condemnation of ritualistic practices at the Church of the Ascension.

Mrs. Mary Clemmer Ames, the well-known Washington correspondent, divorced wife of Daniel Ames, of Harper's Ferry, was married in Washington yesterday to Mr. Edmund Hudson, long the Washington correspondent of the Boston Herald and editor of the Capital and the Army and Navy Register. They will take a wedding journey to Europe.

Intense heat in Paris. The week has been excessively hot in Paris and several persons are said to have gone mad in consequence of the heat. Three rather curious cases were reported on Wednesday last. An Antwerp merchant, who was walking with his wife in the Palais Royal gardens, suddenly let go her arm and threw himself into the basin of the fountain. Later in the day an individual took a cab and had himself driven to the Tuileries, where, in reply to the driver's demand for his fare, he informed him that he was Napoleon III, and that he never paid anywhere. In the evening a young woman was observed promenading in the Bois de Boulogne in a state of nudity and declaring that she was Mother Eve sent to announce the end of the world. The three victims of the sudden and excessive rise in the temperature were taken in charge by the police.

Congressman Thompson had no sufficient evidence upon which to accuse his wife of infidelity. A wicked and envious woman was his only authority. In the Louisiana case it is now even denied that the murderer had the statement of the woman in the case to sustain his judgment of his victim's guilt.

Women who accuse men should in all justice be required to satisfy unprejudiced minds of the truth of their charges before the life they claim is forfeited. If the present methods of the law for the elucidation of these wrongs do not suffice, let it be amended; but we protest against the approval of the people being given to that Lynch law which relegates us to barbarism.

FRANKFORD'S CAPTURE.

HOW HE HAPPENED TO BE CAUGHT.

The Wanderings of the Fugitive—A Picky Delaware County Man—How They Slept at Night. Last night John Frankford and Clarence A. Dunn were again lodged in the West Chester Jail. They had been captured near Media by Lewis Dotts and G. Frank Yarnall, of Edgmont, Delaware county. They gave the following account of the capture to a Republican reporter. A number of persons at Edgmont early in the day had heard of the escape