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that at the office of a timber merchant in that city there is exhibited a cypress board from Alabama, 13 feet long, 531

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character affords?

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In a case of this sort, vindictiveness is folly. The boy is what he is through conditions of heredity and culture which ought to be investigated. He represents a stage of human development or atavism which ought to be understood. What was the antecedent stage, and what will the next one be? His character is likely to change with increasing years; what is the direction of that change? Education and moral training are supposed to have a determining influence upon character; what can they do for him? The boy is a very bundle of scientific problems; Why not keep him for investigation? For the solution of many of the problems of culture and civilization, he is worth a dozen ordinary children. He ought not to be thrown away. Make it impossible for him ever to transmit his vicious nature to a future generation, then inv stigate him, and all others like him, for the good of the race.

Apply the same principle in a different way to a very different character, say the once famous, now infamous, Colonel Valentine Baker, late of the Britfer from his depredations. ish Army; a man of years and high standing, whose irrepr sible impulses led him to make criminal assault upon an upprotected fellow traveler. He has lost his place in the army and in society; he h been fined and nominally im prisoned; but his impulses remain unaltered, and his example-punishment and all-seems to provoke others to similar deeds rather than to deter them; for his unus | offense has been since repeated by several. And when he returns to the world, his term of idle imprisonment ended, he will be simply tinent: what he was at first, lacking the restraining influence of his rank and possibilities of usefulness.

This may be justice, but it is not good policy. What was needed in his case wre chiefly the extirpation of the cause of his uncontrollable p sion-which any surgeon could have done in a few minutes-to destroy the only element of danger in his character.

In a rude state of society, the usefulness of a public offender is necessarily measured by his power to do rude work, in the quarry, the mine, or the like We have arrived at a stage when a portion of our superabundance of such characters can easily be put to more profitable uses; though we should by no means personally object to the employment of the more able-bodied criminals in that way, especially in the coal mines. Instead of manufacturing for such needful service a degraded and largely eriminal class-a process which any one can see in operation by visiting a coalcracker among the Pennsylvanian moun. tains, where swarms of ill bred children spend their days at hard labor under the most debasing influences-It would be infinitely better to have the work done by ready made criminals, drafted from the country at large. It would be a saving of virtue, and possibly in the cost of coals. But there are still better uses to which the majority of criminals can be put.

Among the most important problems

inches wide and 2 inches thick, without has proved unavailing and costly. It is time that a different plan be tried. Suppose we sink the idea of retribution-if side of California. The companion to need be, or reformation also-and seek this enormous plank is reserved for exto make all human vermin first harmless hibition at the Centennial. The tree then useful, either by their productive from which the timber was taken must labor or by their subjective contribuhave measured at least seven feet in tions to human knowledge for the prodiameter. tection of health and the saving of life. One of the proprietors of the alpaca As for its deterrent effect, such a passionless, unvindictive, business-like treatment of all violaters of the common

to the taking of life, is unquestioned.

To attempt it by means of punishment

A Hard Nut to Crack.

factory in Chautauqua county, N. Y., having been presented with a fine pair of Angora goats attempted the remarkaweal certainly could not be less efficient than the jumble of uncertainty, venble feat of taking the fleece from their backs, and making a fashionable dress geance, softness, retribution, sentimenot the wool within twenty-four hours. tality, and uselessness, which constitutes Operations were begun at suprise, and our present judicial and correctional early in the forenoon the goods were systems. We are disposed to, think ready for the dressmakers. Four ladies that the possibility of being made a subject for the study of small pox, cholera, then made the dress complete in every particular, and ready for wearing by typhoid fever, or even a bout at measles sundown. or the mumps, would restrain a pick-"And so they have nominated my old

pocket or a burglar quite as efficiently the chance of a few weeks on the Istriend Cyrus for Governor of Pennsylland, or a few months at Sing Sing. At vania, have they? said old Uncle Bill least the knowledge gained by means of Alleo when he received the news from him and others like him would go far to Erie. "Well, well! How things do recompense society for all it might sufcome 'round. I've known Cyrus-let me see-well, I can't exactly remember

how long I've know'd him, but I allus The difficulty in the way of increasrather liked him. Me and him had a ing greenback circulation by an act of good time at the destruction of J eru-" Congress, is that the Supreme Court of "Uncle" interposed Thurman, "aren't the United States would declare such you a little mistaken in the man? an act nuconstitutional. The law author-Wasn't it you and Titus that enjoyed izing the greenbacks now in existence the little jollification you mention towas only saved under the war power congether?" "Well I dunno but what struction. An extract from a speech of you'er right, after all Nevy," replied Senator Sherman on this point is perthe old man, reflectively. "Yes I guess you're right, when I come to

The first difficulty to be encountered is think of it You see I get mixed pretty that the issue of the greenbacks in excess of four hundred millions would be a plain easy now, anyhow. And then the nomand palpable violation of the public faith. ination of that skunk Postius Pilate for In 1864 the United States solemnely en-State Treasurer set me a thinking of gaged that the volume of legal tender notes plunderin', and that, you see, brought hould never exceed the sum of four hundred millions, and this pledge has been sev-eral times repeated, and is the sacred bar. up the sackin' of Jerusalem. That's how I got wrong. That Pilate was allus rier which alone has maintained the purchasing power of the greenbacks at the a pisen, onery cuss!-allus sneakin' present rate. Again, the validity of the Legal Tender round to betray somebody, and then Act was sustained by the Supreme Court on washin' his hands of it-blast him!" the ground that it was the exercise of the war making powers of Congress, held to be essential to the national existence; and yet

on this ground it was sustained but by a bare majority of that Court. Who believes graph. for a moment that the validity of legal tender notes would be sustained by that Court when issued in a time of profound peace in violation of the public faith, and as a part of a public policy to maintain in perpetuity an irredeemable currency?

Instead of agitating turther inflation, repeal the Resumption act, and then abstain from further interference. Things will right themselves if the Congressional fingers are kept out of the pie. Time is the main factor in the problem of financial adjustment -- Pittsburgh Telegraph.

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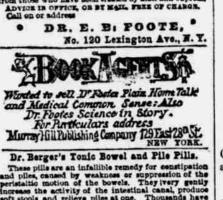
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