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THE PLAT RATE FOR ADVERTISING. The following table shows the price per inch for each insertion, space to be used within one year:

SCRANTON, JUNE 11, 1901. The Mayor of Philadelphia has signed an ordinance against gift street addresses. If the good Quakers will now exhibit the same enterprise in finding the unfortunate little vendors that have been overworked in depicting them of means to gain an honest living, the movement will be one worthy of commendation.

Up to the Chevaliers.

IT IS NOT surprising that the administration at Washington has at last spoken plainly to the judges and mount-banks in the Cuban constitutional convention, telling them without surplus ceremony that acceptance of the Platt amendment is the condition precedent to preparation for the withdrawal of American control from Cuba.

The United States has done for Cuba more than has ever before been done for one people by another. The improvements it has wrought are the marvel of intelligent observers of all nationalities. The advantages it has inscribed amidst surroundings of ignorance, prejudice and childish suspicion well calculated to breed pessimism are such as the Cubans never dreamed of. The history of American intervention in Cuba is a record of patient work out details of betterment without parallel in the world's annals.

That Leyland Line Purchase.

AS MENTIONED in this paper recently, when a contemporary's purchase of the Leyland line of steamships (on adding to the American merchant marine and of vessels which the United States government could call into use in time of war.) was no such thing. As we then pointed out, the Leyland line continues to be a British line, although owned by an American—a line carrying the British flag, manned by British captains and crews, subject in time of war to the British government's call.

The Y. M. C. A. Jubilee.

THE FIFTIETH anniversary of the Young Men's Christian association of America will assemble in Boston during the present week not less than two thousand delegates. These will not all be Americans, for the jubilee gathering of the associations in this country is to be also an international meeting, and the work in other lands, much of which it helped to initiate, will be told of at the Boston meeting. The American Young Men's Christian associations had a dual beginning. At Montreal and in Boston, each without the knowledge of the other, but both in December, 1851, eight associations were founded. The impulse in the formation of each came from the reported success of such a movement in England, where it had been started by Sir George Williams in 1844. He is yet living, but will not be at the Boston meeting. There he will be represented by his son, Mr. Howard Williams.

America in India.

IT WOULD be the wisest line of conduct for the British secretary of State for India, Lord George Hamilton, to assent to Sir Alfred Hickman's demands for a parliamentary inquiry into his charges against the representatives of the British government who gave contracts to American firms for bridges and locomotives in India. Sir Alfred is sweeping in his accusations, which he at the same time makes specific, of "bad Americans" etcetera. What the results of any fair and honest inquiry into work done shall prove to be no American bridge or locomotive firm can possibly have any cause to fear. Americans are not fools, and if they slight their work anywhere, or skimp it, it would not be in their first entrance into active competition with English and German engineers and machinists abroad.

Sir Alfred is very sure that "but for the 37 per cent. duty, we (the English) should sell more engines in America than the Americans would send here." This may be an exceedingly comforting idea for him. He prefaces his assertion with the remark, "the American engineer has a protected market, enabling him to make enormous profits at home and even sell at a loss abroad, and still get a satisfactory return on his capital."

Of this statement the New York World very sensibly says: "Assuming this statement of Sir Alfred's to be true, how can he expect to convince the British people that it is at all a

bad state of things for them? He tells them, in effect, that the American people are taxing themselves heavily in order to give British railways the benefit of cheaper locomotives than they could otherwise get. If that is so, it is surely a benefaction to the British people. But Sir Alfred goes further and says that American are not as good as British locomotives. That cannot be true—or else the British railway managers do not know their business."

Sir Alfred lays great stress on a Purmah railroad engineer's report of American locomotives burning more fuel than the English ones in use there, but he omits mention of the greater drawing power of the American locomotives, leaving it to be supposed that the fuel-burning comparison is a fair one.

Of course the English bridge and locomotive builders are yet over American coming in ahead of them in East Indian contracts, as they have done in Africa also. Charges of all kinds are to be expected, and half statements, like that about fuel consumption, that are worse than whole falsehoods. That the American bridges and locomotives will come out triumphant from all sorts of any parliamentary or other fair inquiry into them there is no reason whatever to doubt.

Outline Studies of Human Nature

A Slight Mistake. She was a dear old lady, in whom all her friends felt a special affection, and who made her life a little bit dearer still. Among her acquaintances of long standing, though much younger than herself, was a Mrs. Farley, who left a most heart and interesting widow behind her. She was twenty, remained for fifteen years a widow, and then stepped from the high pedestal on which a generation of young ladies and not a few old ones had placed her to preside over the home of Judge James Madden Cooke, and to be a gracious stepmother to his only daughter. It was Mrs. Cooke and which the servant had just brought up to the dear old lady.

"Now, mother," Isabel and Kate entreated, after they had added a few sweet touches to her dress and hair, "now, mother, don't forget and call for Mrs. Farley."

"I won't, I really won't," their mother said, as she went out the door, and all the way down the stairs she kept saying to herself, "Mrs. Cooke, Cooke, Cooke, Cooke."

Benefactor Proved a Good Example.

Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston stock holder, who is holding out to compare for the privilege of detaching the America's cap, is one of the most discerning persons in Boston municipal circles, relates the Saturday Evening Post, Mr. Lawson is a generous man, and before he judged himself about that personal communication with him became practically impossible because he was the easy victim of men with hard-baked brains. He tells with considerable relish of his experience with a Montana man, who had stood in Boston and applied to him for a loan. He wanted to get home, he said, and since there could easily prove his losses.

Why Carnegie Changed His Mind.

Melby Dewey, director of the state library, told the story of how he induced Andrew Carnegie to change the character of his gifts to libraries. It is not of this kind, when Mr. Carnegie made a donation to a town for a library, he stipulated that the town must furnish a sum equivalent to six per cent. upon the amount donated for maintenance. When this fact came to Mr. Carnegie's attention he called upon Mr. Carnegie.

At the Other End.

A certain naval officer was very punctual and conscientious when on duty. One day when he was on the watch, and could not, as usual, find anything of consequence to grumble about, he attempted to vent his spleen on one of the alofters of the vessel, who was in the engine-room on duty.

An Incurable Stage of Elucation.

One day a young woman dressed in the height of fashion, and with a most self-satisfied air, called Mr. Evans in to the museum for an interview in the middle room. She explained her visit as due to a desire to benefit his children. Mr. Evans was all attention in an instant, to take the New York Post.

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had always been the practice of our family to mix ourselves with our business wherever we can, but we have to exercise some discretion in doing this. We had a moment one who became lame, and a condition who was badly wounded by an accident. In both cases the misfortune occurred after the parties had entered our service, so that we felt bound, in Christian charity, to retain them for the rest of their days. But I have hunting and pasture. It was a counsel with a goodness whom I knew, at the time of making the engagement, to be in an advanced stage of elucation, probably incurable.

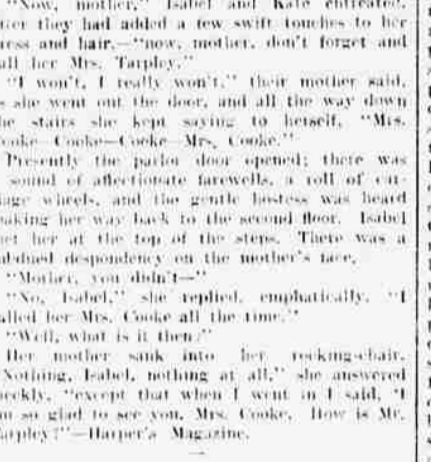
Pupils at Penn in Frolicsome Fettle

THE LAST few days at the University of Pennsylvania have been made memorable by the "high jinks" of the students. It is the longest vacation in the country, and the two weeks preceding the day of graduation have been a time of festivity, celebration and general good fellowship among undergraduates and faculty alike. This year the custom was observed more fully than ever before. Two weeks allotted to the merriest ended yesterday, when a large number of students enjoyed an excursion down the Delaware river to Washington Park. They chartered a small steamer and had a banquet upon their arrival at the park. They returned after midnight by moonlight, and all agreed that they had had, as one of them expressed it, "a gorgeous time."

While the students were having a good time down the river, the few score coeds, or girl students at the university decided to have a little celebration among themselves. Bennet Hall, the women's dormitory, was the scene of the celebration, and throughout the greatest ceremony was observed. The gymnasium in the basement of the hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The students were invited to make the affair a masquerade dance given by the under-classesmen in honor of the seniors about to graduate. As no men had been invited the fair students decided to have "masque balls" for the occasion. A professional customer in the neighborhood had soon rented out every kind of man's costume known to masquerade.

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