A BRIEF GLANCE AT THE HISTORY OF TIMEPIECES.

Origin of Clocks and Watches-Sun Binls and the Clepsydra-Time-Reepers as Toys-The "Turnip." Sun-dials were the first markers of time, but they were never quite to be relied on. The fact is, the sun is more irregular in his habits than many good and confiding people suppose. He is sometimes careless about getting up in time, and has been known to be as much as half an hour late in reaching noon. In the 365 days of the year he is right only four times, and so little dependence can be placed on him that astronomers have been obliged to invent a sun, and make it mark the hour of noon. This is called "mean time," making a day of invariable length, which is not the case with the solar day. Sun-dials might do very well for primitive man or for the shepherds of Arcadia, but mean time is the time of civilized life. By mean time the board of trade, the banks, the manufactories and business houses are opened and closed. Without it there is no punctuality possible, no certainty, no secure dependence. For accurate mean time we make the watch and clock responsible and give the sun up as irre-claimable, for the clock's noon and the sun's coincide only four times in the

After the sun-dial came the clepsydra or water clock, a transparent graduated vessel, filled with water, which slowly dropped or trickled through an apperture at the bottom. The intervals between the filling and emptying of the vessels, which, of course, varied with the size of the vessels, were called "watches." They were used in the Greek and Roman forums to time the speeches of the orators. One of Martial's epigrams counsels a dull orator who drank water constantly during his harangue to drink from the clepsydra, and thus relieve his audience as well as himself. The hour glass is a modification of the clepsydra, substituting sand for water. Sun-dials and hour glasses marked the time for our forefathers before the Revolution. There were very few watches or clocks owned in this country until after that time. Clocks were invented in the eleventh century, and were first supposed to have originated with the devil, but as the monasteries immediately adopted them, that idea was soon dissipated. They were very rude and clumsy contrivances until the pendulum was discovered by Gallileo. "As untrustworthy as a town clock" is a proverb that has been long in vogue. Of the clocks in London Charles Lamb said they allowed him to "walk from the Strand to Temple Bar in no time and gain five minutes."

The watch was at first called a pocket clock, a name the Germans still adhere to, and was as large as a saucer and run by weights. The substitution of a spring for weights was made about 1550. The city of Nuremberg claims to be the place where watches were first made, and it is certain that at first and for many years they were called."Nuremberg eggs.

For a long period watches were considered more as toys than as timekeepers, and the ingenuity of the artisan was exerted to produce something novel or curious. All kinds of fantastic shapes were devised. Mary Queen of Scots had a watch shaped like a skull. Others were made like a cross, a bird, a tulip. or any astonishing form the maker could imagine. They were inserted in snuff boxes, in finger rings, in canes, in shirt studs, in bracetets, and even in saddles In fact, the history of watches for nearly a century is a record of the whimsicalities and fertile ingenuity of watchmakers in accordance with the capricious and fantastic taste of the times. Finally, about a century ago, the watch as a timekeeper was evolved, and it took on its present settied form. Then it was that the name "turnip" was applied to it, because it had something of the shape of that derided vegetable, and did not look beautiful-like a cross, a pear, or a

"The watch," said a prominent jeweler to the Herald reporter, "has come to be one of the necessities of life, and, like every other necessity of life, it can be bought at any price and in all qualities. I can sell you one for \$600, which, if you owned, you would believe the stars were set by it, so accurately does it keep time, and you can buy one for \$2.50, which would probably be as ercatic in its motions as a comet, and yet would be a watch by which you could guess the time of day. There is a Watchmakers and Jewelers' Association in the United States, which meet annually. At our last meeting it was reported that the daily demand for watches in this country amounted to nearly \$4,000. Some few years ago we imported watches to the value of over \$2,000,000, now our imports reach only about \$400,000, showing that American made watches have at last won the day .- Chicago Herald.

What Evolution Teaches.

In one of the late sermons on "Evolution," by Henry Ward Beecher, he said that it taught that the creation was not accomplished in six days of twentyfour hours; that the work occupied ages; that nothing was at first created perfect, but has been going forward to perfec-tion; that the earth itself was condensed from ether into a visible cloud form and increased in solidity through chemical process-aquatic invertebrate animals being its first inhabitants. The earliest mammals were the marsupials, like the opossum and kangaroo; it was doubtful Ti whether man came in the tertiary period decade or immediately sequent. In this, Mr. Beecher said, he quoted from Professor citizen ; Dana, and as thus stated, evolution was thority; cepted by ninety-nine per cent, of the public courking scientists of the world. It was less one of the in all advanced colleges and unithe Republies, and if cast sside civilization felt not merel go back into chaos. To the fear-but by what he was certain to oblige theology laid down the ruct its system, it would take parck has pray from the grand principle ussal woon, If theology could be changed, glaron would be emancipated. Evolu-

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Some Epitaphs.

Though to select a subject of greater solemaity than that of death would be impossible, the student of the literature of the churchyard cannot fall to be struck with the important part played therein by humor-often of the broadest descrip-To do the writers justice, says a Detroit journal, it is in many cases of the unconscious kind. There was no intentional disrespect to the memory of

John Ross Kicked by a hoss.

And it may have been in deep dejec-tion that the friends of the unfortunate youth killed during a pyrotechnic dis-play, wrote upon his tombstone;

Here I lie, Killed by a sky-Rocket in my eye.

While its Caledonian origin borne In mind (it hails from Ediaburgh, there was probably no premeditated levity to the lines in memory of

John Macpherson—that wonderful person Six foot two —without his shoe And slew —at Waterloo.

The humor of the following is merely due to peculiar punctuation: Erected to the memory of John Phillips

Accidentally shot as a mark of affection by his brother. It is difficult to say whether in jest or monition the following was inscribed to the memory of an earl of Kildare:

Who killed Kildare - Who dared Kildare to Death killed Kildare.- Who dare kill whom

Sepulchral references to the former pursuits of the departed have been very common. Lawyers whose familiarity with "ways that are dark" have called for censure; and doctors whose professional ministrations "have filled the half of this churchyard" have formed the principal subjects. Exception is made in favor of a legal ornament, one Mr. Strange, but at the expense of his brother practitioners-

Here lies an honest lawyer-Strange! The proposed epitaph to the eminent cook, Alexis Soyer:

Peace to his ashes, Is well known. Less known but more admirable is that upon a deceased

Here lies a man who dyed of a wool a great store, One day he died himself—and dyed no more.

The conjugal relation, sad to say, has suffered sharply at the hands of the epitaph writer-and, sadder still to record, the weaker vessel has called for the severest animadversian. Epitaphs of this class have usually been coarse and vulgar, in the strain of the following: Here lies my poor wife-a sad slattern and

If I said I regretted her-I should lie too.

A talkative spinster is awarded these Under this stone the body lies of Arabella

Young, Who on the twenty-fourth of May began to hold her tongue. Independent of its interest as a record

of longevity, there is a sporting flavor about the following reference to one Stephen Rumblood, of Brightwell, quite unique:

He lived to 105, hearty and strong; 100 to 5 you don't live as long.

A request for burial in a particular spot is not uncommon, though seldom expressed with naivete of the following: Under the yew tree, buried he would be, Because his father he, planted this yew tree.

-Guilsfield, 1760. The following, dedicated to the memory of departed matrons, is worth rescu-

ing from oblivion: Some have children, some have none; Some have considered, twenty-one.

Here lies the mother of twenty-one.

- Woolstanton,

A severe blow is dealt to the sanitary reputation of the medicinal spring of Cheltenbam in the lines below: Here I lie, and my three daughters, All killed through drinking Cheltenham

waters. Had we but stuck to Epsom salts We shouldn't be lying in these cold vaults.

In fitting conclusion may be quoted the following rebuke administered to the morbid curiosity to satisfy which has been one of the missions of the epitaph. In slightly varied forms it has been met with in divers corners of England, but was last heard of in a churchyard in New Jersey: Reader, pass on, nor waste your precious

On bad biography or better rhyme, For what I am this crumbling clay assures, And what I was is no concern of yours.

An Art Treasure Recovered.

"Carp" tells the following in the Cleveland Leader: "Just as you go into the office of the assistant secretary of the treasury you may see on the right wall a fine portrait of George Washington in a gilt frame. It is a bust picture in oils, and is wonderfully lifelike and rich in its colors. It looks something like a Stuart, but it has a softer and not so florid a coloring. This picture was resurrected within the past few weeks by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Coon from the dust room in the basement, where it had been laying for gene-The carpenter of the treasury called Mr. Coon's attention to it, and said he intended to clean it and reframe it and hang it up in his shop. Mr. Coon thought it might be worth hanging somewhere else, and had it properly cleaned. When the dust and dirt was removed this beautiful Washington appeared. No one knows now who painted it, but it is undoubtedly one of the finest pictures among the many art works of the capital."

The Sexes in a Russian Province. In the Russian province of Courland stiquette is excessively rigorous. Stiff bows form the nearest approach to corliality here permitted between the young unmarried people of the opposite sex. Very few opportunities are afforded them of being better acquainted. Even at dancing parties the gentleman is sup-posed to quit his partner immediately on the conclusion of the polka or waltz. tiiris are kept under constant supervision from the moment of birth to that of betrothal. Unmarried ladies are not supposed to occupy the sent of honor on the Betrothal entirely changes all this formality into a really objectionable exhibition of sentiment, Billing and cooing, caresses and endearments are indulged in in public without the least re-British postal savings banks have gard to delicacy or good taste.—New \$223,868,865 on deposit.

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What Coral Is.

This single coral animal (quite unlike an insect, and it is quite time for books to omit that designation—coral insect) is like the sea anemones, Actinius, or seaflowers, some species of which we see on the rocks of our northern coast. It is a small tube of flesh, with a stomach, and tentacles surrounding it, which move about in seach of food and conduct it to the mouth. The nervous system and blood system are of the most simple kind. Of course, in a creature so low in the scale of life, there is no head, nor are there special organs of sense, such as for seeing and hearing. They are popu-larly called animal flowers. This little creature soon develops a hard covering or shell, secreting from its exterior a shell from the lime which is held in solution by the sea-water, just as the clam or any shell-fish secretes the lime which makes their shells. And these lime coverings are analogous to the skeletons of higher animals, though in one case the lime skeleton is inside, in the other outside. After a little the soft young coral, having settled itself upon a solid footing on the bottom of the sea, like myriads of others around it, exhibits a white cal careous coating on portions of it, and in a short time has deposited from its soft exterior and partitions of its interior a solid lime tube with dividing walls. This is a coral "pure and simple." A great block many feet in diameter is no more than simply a congregation of many of these. When the little single coral is perfect in its lime tube, it buds, and increases itself thereby, adding constantly either in this way or by the omission of eggs,-New York Evening Post.

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