



Poetry.

And this is the end of it all! 't rounds the year's complete... Only a walk to the stile, through fields of foam with sweetness...

THE PRESCRIPTION.

"I wish you could tell James when he comes in to turn the cows into the lower lot. And if Turpin calls, tell him I want the meringue..."

Author of Don Quixote.

The river Henares, leaving the purple hills to gladden with greenness a broad plain, winds like a hem of silver around the ruinous walls, palaces, and convents of the dreary old town in Spain...

Parity of Life.

I believe the world owes it to boys, as well as to girls, that they shall be brought up to manhood with clear minds; this condition is much more necessary than clean faces, hands, and clothing...

Show You Have a Heart.

In this dull world we cheat ourselves and one another of innocent pleasures by the score, through very carelessness and apathy...

Kind to Everything.

Softly, softly, little sister, softly, softly, little sister, softly, softly, little sister...

Youths' Column.

The Seven Wonders of the World. 1. The Colossus at Rhodes, 121 feet high, built by Charax, A. D. 282...

Varieties.

In Paris they call gray hair "a little dust from the road of life." Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring, you will vainly look for fruit on it, in autumn...

Miscellany.

How to be Handsome. If we are afflicted by nature with crooked noses and irregular features, it is because of irregularities in our ancestors' features or habits...

A Needlewomen's syndicate.

The needlewomen of Paris are about forming themselves into a society or syndicate, to protect their interests and to struggle against those employees who are constantly reducing prices...

A Nervous Chronometer.

Some experiments have recently been made by Exner to determine the reaction time of the sensorium, that is to say, the time required to convey an impression along the nerves to the brain, and to convey an order from the brain to any portion of the body...

Fashion in Nature and Art.

But what is fashion? It is simply the common way of doing things. Things must be done. We all agree to that. The human animal was not sent furled or hairy into the world. It must dress itself. In this climate it must dress itself a good deal.

Opposed to Patents.

A strong opposition has gained head of late in England against the patent laws, and has been strengthened by the support of Sir Roundell Palmer, who, it may be said, has been consulting his private interests, would certainly have been among the first to uphold a system productive of such immense pecuniary benefits to the law practitioners.

Time to Rest.

Most men and women must keep in the traces and keep pulling the year round. All the more, therefore, is it their duty to take things easier as the hot weather passes. Take longer rests at noon. Put on less steam when you are at work. Snatch a Sunday now and then from the middle of the week. You can't do it. People find time to rest and keep well. Everything does not depend on finishing that dress or fencing that field; or "putting up" so much more fruit or catching so many customers. Better that the children should wear old clothes than that their mother should be laid aside by a fever. Better that the corn crop be a little lighter than that there be no one to harvest it. Let us have shorter seasons and fewer of them on Sunday; longer recesses for the children at school on week days. Put up the store shutters earlier at night; prepare plainer meals in the kitchen. Take a non-daynap yourself, and give your employers a chance to go a fishing on a afternoon now and then. The only duty which the Lord lays upon us, and he is not so hard a master as we sometimes suppose.

Quicksilver.

Mercury is the only metal known to science which is fluid at ordinary temperature. It is found in nature in the form of a native metal, and is also obtained by the action of acids on certain minerals. It is a very poisonous substance, and its use in medicine is now almost entirely abandoned. It is a very interesting metal, and its properties are worth knowing. It is a very good conductor of electricity, and is used in the construction of many electrical instruments. It is also used in the manufacture of many alloys, and is a very important metal in the arts and sciences.

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The Dome of St. Paul.

The dome of St. Paul's is the original of our dome at Washington; and externally I think ours is the more graceful of the two. It is a dome of the same shape and flat in comparison. This is owing partly to the lesser size and height, and partly to our hard, transparent atmosphere, which lends to the dome a softness and grace which the dome of St. Paul's does not possess. The dome of St. Paul's is the culmination of the whole interior of the building. Rising over the central area, it seems to gather up the power and mastery of the nave, the aisles, the transepts, the choir, and give them expression and expansion in its lofty firmament. —Scribner's for September.

Keep It To Yourself.

You have trouble—your feelings are injured, your husband is unkind, your wife frets, your home is not pleasant and your friends do not treat you fairly, and things in general more unpleasant. Well, what do you keep it to yourself? A smouldering fire can be found and extinguished; but when the coals are scattered, who can pick them up? Bury your sorrow. The place for sad and disgusting things is under the ground. A cut finger is not benefited by pulling off the plaster, and exposing it under somebody's eyes; tie it up and let it alone; it will get well of itself sooner than you can cure. Charity covereth a multitude of sins. Things thus covered are often cured without a scar; but, once published and confided to meddling friends, there is no end to the trouble they may cause. Keep it to yourself. Troubles are transient, and when a sorrow is healed and past, what a comfort it is to say, "One never knew it until it was all over!"

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While still young, the brilliant talents of Miguel attracted the attention of Lord Aquavia, the Papal Legate, who took him to Rome. But the high-spirited young man, who was so inglorious in the Cardinal's service; so he left it to enlist in the sea against the Turks. Now the adventures of his romantic life commence in the most striking manner. An elegant and stately vessel, in which he was to sail, was wrecked, and he was left alone on a desolate island. He was loaded with praise and kind letters from the generous Don Juan, of Austria. Those were happy days for Cervantes. Youth, hope, and valor were his companions. The haven of honor glittered before his raptured sight. But, most unexpected of all, he was captured by the Moors. Five wretched years he spent in slavery, never for an instant submitting to his fate. A dozen desperate attempts he headed at flight, but he was always captured. The Moors would have killed him had they not thought that a man who bore letters from a prince would one day bring a good ransom. But the cold-hearted Moor never agreed to his ransom, and served paid no heed to the pleadings of his comrades, and refused to do anything for his redemption. So his poor father, Don Rodriguez, who had bought his freedom from their captive brothers.

Child Life Among the Shakers.

The Pittsfield (Mass.) "Eagle" says that children placed with the Shakers at Lebanon are indentured to Benjamin Gates, or some authority, until they are twenty years of age. These poor little creatures are sent to the factory to provide them food, clothing, &c. They are then placed in the "children's order," under the charge of a matron, and are to be used for their manual labor, and she commences at once to instill into their minds the rules of the sect. In the factory they are punished by being laid flat upon the floor, face down. When they have been kept thus for a length of time, they are taken up and "talked to," the enormity of their offenses pointed out, and are exhorted to behave better in the future. These poor little creatures, who are age "go to confession" every Saturday, and "own up" (or are supposed to) to their sins, are treated with the same severity as the adult members of the sect. They are taken up and "talked to," the enormity of their offenses pointed out, and are exhorted to behave better in the future. These poor little creatures, who are age "go to confession" every Saturday, and "own up" (or are supposed to) to their sins, are treated with the same severity as the adult members of the sect.

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