

MADE IN MAINE.

Interesting Facts About the Genesis of Spools and Shoe Pegs.

"Oxford county, Me., turns out nearly all the spools on which the sewing thread of this country is wound," said a wholesale dealer in such articles to the writer. "The spools are made from white birch timber, and they are produced by the million in Oxford county. There are many other parts of western Maine, also, where the industry is important. There are numerous sawmills in that part of the state which are kept busy all the year round sawing white birch logs into strips a foot long and from 1 to 2 inches wide and of the same thickness. These strips are sent to the spool factories, where they are quickly worked into spools by the most ingenious labor saving machinery.

"The strips of white birch are fed into one machine, and they are not touched, in fact, are hardly seen again, until the spools, all finished for market except polishing, drop out by the bushel from another machine several rods away from where the strips started in. The spools get their gloss by being rapidly revolved in barrels turned by machinery, the polish resulting from the contact of the spools in the barrel.

"In the backwoods villages of Oxford county one sees scarcely any other industry but spoolmaking, and every person in the neighborhood is in some way interested in the business. The factories have been eating into the Maine birch forests for years, but there still seem to be enough of the timber left to feed the machinery for many years to come. Hundreds of thousands of feet of logs are cut and sawed into spool timber annually.

"Shoe peg factories are also an important branch of business once peculiar to Maine, although it has of late been followed to some extent in other eastern states and is spreading to the hard wood forests of northern Pennsylvania. Maple is used largely in the manufacture of shoe pegs, although white birch is used at some factories. Shoe pegs are sold by the bushel and are worth all the way from 75 cents to \$1 a bushel, according to quality. More than \$150,000 was received by Maine shoe peg factories last year for goods.

"A curious and profitable business has grown up in the Maine woods near the sawmills in the utilizing of the immense quantities of sawdust by compression. Thousands of tons of this waste material are bought for a mere nothing and are pressed into compact blocks and bales, and in this form is finding a ready market for kindling and fuel in eastern cities."—Washington Star.

A TRIFLE TOO MUCH.

How an Old Dandy's Sympathy Was Unfeelingly Imposed Upon.

General Nichols of Louisiana commanded a brigade of infantry during the valley campaign in Virginia which so immortalized the name of Stonewall Jackson. In one of the three famous victories over Banks, Milroy and Shields, says the Nashville American, the Louisiana brigade bore a conspicuous part, and its gallant commander was carried from the field mortally wounded, as every one supposed, but good nursing and skillful surgery saved the life of the general. He left a leg and an arm on the battlefield and lost one of his eyes. He wears an artificial leg on one side of his body and an arm on the opposite. The pluck which enabled him to withstand these terrible wounds, and to which he is indebted for his life, perhaps, more than to any other cause, sticks to him yet, and he is one of the most jovial of men, enjoying a good joke as much as anybody. He tells this on himself:

When canvassing for governor, he was invited by a lady who knew of his loss of limbs to make her house his home, and he accepted. She ordered her manservant, who knew nothing of the general's misfortune, to see that he was comfortably put to bed. The dandy felt proud of the honor of serving a distinguished general and the next governor, and the general was inclined to be communicative, which delighted the negro very much and made him feel at home with his guest. When he took the general's arm off and laid it on the table, he commenced to express great sympathy, saying:

"It sho' is bad for a man to lose he arm dat erway! An do Yankee; done dia, did dey?"

When the general told him to take his leg off, the negro thought he was joking, but went at it in a businesslike way, though he was almost ready to shed tears of sympathy this time. Placing the leg on the table by the side of the arm and looking at the general, he said:

"Umph! Leg off on one side an arm off on t'other. Dat is too bad, to cut a man up in dat sort o' way."

The general saw the opportunity for a little fun had come, so, leaning his body forward, said:

"Come, now, take my head off."

But the negro was gone.

The Wheat King.

The "wheat king" of the world belongs to Argentina. He is an Italian immigrant named Guazone, and his broad acres are situated in the south of the province of Buenos Ayres. His crop occupies an area of 66,270 acres. He numbers his workmen by the thousand, and each one receives a certain share of the profits. When his season's crop is harvested, he fills over 3,000 railway trucks with the grain.

Japanese theaters have their boxes so arranged that the ladies can change dresses, as it is not considered stylish for a lady to appear an entire evening in one dress and with the same ornaments.

The busiest time on the Atlantic cable is between the hours of 10 and 12 in the forenoon. During that time on an average about 800 messages pass over the cable each way.

Our Educational Column.

"Uncle William," Editor. Address all communications relative to this department to Editor Educational Column, care of THE STAR.

Boys and girls, it is your uncle's desire, if possible, to keep you alive to a sense of your duty, as but a short five weeks yet remain until the mid-term examination, and we want you to get the "Right Start" and keep it until the end. Unless some of you call a halt upon idleness, gossip and negligence of duties, your marks in Department, Application, Recitation, &c., will be considerably curtailed this month, and will cause you to lose in all your marks, and you well know what this means to you. If you expect promotion you must earn it by your own earnest efforts, don't forget this. We give you this week the conclusion of Mr. Holland's advice, relative to "Getting the Right Start." Read it carefully and keep its teachings ever in mind and success will be yours.

"To me, one of the most disgusting sights, continues Mr. Holland, "is that of a young man with healthy blood, broad shoulders and a hundred and fifty pounds, more or less, of good bone and muscle, standing with his hands in his pockets and longing for help. I admit that there are positions in which the independent spirit may accept of assistance—may, in fact, as a choice of evils, desire it; but for a man who is able to help himself, to desire the help of others in the accomplishment of his plans of life, is positive proof that he has received a most unfortunate training, or that there is a leaven of meanness in his composition that should make him shudder. When, therefore, a young man has ascertained and fully received the fact that he does not know anything, that the world does not care anything about him, that what he wins must be won by his own brain and brawn, and that while he holds in his own hands the means of gaining a livelihood and the objects of life, he cannot receive assistance without compromising his self-respect and selling his freedom, he is in a fair position for beginning life. When a young man becomes aware that only by his own efforts can he rise into companionship and competition with the sharp, strong and well drilled minds around him, he is ready for work and not before.

The next lesson is that of patience, thoroughness of preparation and contentment with the regular channels of business effort and enterprise. This is, perhaps one of the most difficult to learn, of all the lessons of life. It is natural for the mind to reach out eagerly for immediate results.

As manhood dawns, and the young man catches in its first light the glimmers of realized dreams, the golden domes of high possibilities and the nurdling hills of great delights, and then looks down upon the narrow, long and dusty path by which others have reached them, he is apt to be disgusted with the passage, and to seek for success through broader channels, by quicker means. Beginning at the very foot of the hill, and working slowly to the top, seems a very discouraging process; and precisely at this point thousands of young people have made shipwreck of their lives.

Let it be understood, then, at starting, that the patient conquest of difficulties which rise in the regular and legitimate channels of business and enterprise, is not only essential in securing the successes you seek, but it is essential to that preparation of your mind requisite for the enjoyment of your successes, and for retaining them when gained. It is the general rule of Providence, the world over, and in all times that unearned success is a curse. It is the rule of Providence that the process of earning success shall be the preparation for its conservation and enjoyment.

So, day by day, and week by week; so month after month and year after year, work on, and in that process gain strength and symmetry, and nerve and knowledge, that when success, patiently and bravely worked for, shall come, it may find you prepared to receive it and keep it.

The development which you will get in this brave and patient labor will prove itself, in the end, the most valuable of your successes. It will help to make a man of you. It will give you not only self respect, but the respect of your fellows and the public."

Reduced Rates to Chattanooga

For Pennsylvania Day at Chattanooga Battlefield, Chattanooga, Tenn., November 15, 1897, when the monuments marking the movements of the Pennsylvania troops in that great battle will be dedicated, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from all points on its line in Pennsylvania at the extremely low rate of one cent a mile, short line distance, tickets to be sold November 9 to 13, good to leave Chattanooga returning until November 23, 1897, inclusive.

Tickets via Pittsburg will be sold going and returning via the same route, or going via Cincinnati and Lexington, returning via Nashville and Louisville, or vice versa.

A single trial of Dr. Henry Baxter's Mandrake Bitters will convince anyone troubled with constiveness, torpid liver, or any kindred diseases, of their curative properties. They only cost 25 cents per bottle. For sale by H. A. Stoke.

Does It Pay to be Sick?

Besides the discomfort and suffering, illness of any sort is expensive. Hundreds of people consult the doctors every day about coughs and colds. This is better than to suffer the disease to run along, but those who use Otto's Cure for the throat and lungs do better still. It costs less and the cure is certain. You can get a trial bottle free of our agent, H. Alex. Stoke. Large size 25c. and 50c.

The history of Down's Elbow is identical with the history of New England for the last fifty years. It cures coughs and colds. For sale by H. A. Stoke.

Constiveness is the cause of the intolerant "bad breath" of multitudes. Dr. Henry Baxter's Mandrake Bitters remove the cause and prevent the evil, and cost only 25 cents. For sale by H. A. Stoke.

Arden's Oil Liniment is the best remedy known for stiff joints. For sale by H. A. Stoke.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY commencing Sunday, May 16, 1897, Low Grade Division.

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