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Why We Are In School.

A document recently issued by our theological brethren lays down as one of its basic propositions the following startling statement:

This earth is hell. We do not know whether this is so or not, but if it is then we know why it is so. It is because the man who makes a business engagement with you, promising faithfully to be on hand at a given hour, comes an hour afterward or not at all.

Then there are the spiteful, bad tempered people. They make life a hell on their own hook. No more exquisite torture can ever be inflicted on a sensitive person who loves harmony and good will than to be forced to live with them.

Do you know anybody except yourself who is always good tempered, perfectly truthful, sincere and honest, and who is entirely cleanly and has courteous manners besides? On the whole, perhaps the theological brethren are right. This may be hell.

Ever Read the Constitution?

The editor of Harper's Magazine suggests mildly that instead of so many attempts at amending the United States constitution an effort be made to amend the general intelligence in regard to that constitution. The hint is a good one. It has been proposed as a requirement for naturalization that the applicant be able to read the United States constitution and show that he understands its provisions.

In fact, if put upon the witness stand under oath to tell the truth in fear of death, how many of even intelligent people, men and women, would be forced to confess they had never read the constitution of their own country, that admirable document which Professor Goldwin Smith recently held up to the whole British nation, as showing how much superior our government was to theirs?

The average American citizen ought at least to read that precious document twice a year. Classes should be formed for its study, if not now, then next winter. The confounding—not to say confounded—commentaries that have been written on it are not needed. It is not hard to understand in its splendid simplicity, with the added light of American common sense. The instrument alone, with the history of its adoption, will be the true basis of work and study.

HIGHLAND DOTS.

John H. Boyle will fill the position which was held by M. W. Kester. Mr. Kester has been promoted to the outside foremanship of No. 1 colliery, which was vacated by Hugh McNelis.

William Stoltz, Sr., and his son William, were at Hainesport, New Jersey, on Saturday.

Miss Mary E. Johnson, of Bristol, is home on a short visit to her parents here.

Another large stripping has been started here.

Frank McKinley, of Freeland, has accepted a position as pumpman at No. 1 slope.

The base ball club here has organized and would like to hear from amateurs of other towns.

Theodore Klage, of Sayre, was visiting at the residence of George Harvey on Sunday.



Synopsis of Previous Chapters. CHAPTER I.—There is a common tennis court for the villas, and the neighbors quickly get acquainted. Young Denver is attentive to Ida Walker and Charles Westmacott to Clara. The doctor is fascinated by the brilliant Mrs. Westmacott and lends his name to advance the cause of woman's rights.

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trually copied one. "It was to invite a young lady to a picnic, but I set to work and soon got it changed so that it would do very well. Slattery seems never to have asked any one to ride a tandem. But when I had written it, it seemed so dreadfully stiff that I had to put a little beginning and end of my own, which seemed to brighten it up a good deal."

"I thought there was something funny about the beginning and end." "Did you? Fancy your noticing the difference in style. How quick you are! I am very slow at things like that. I ought to have been a woodman or gamekeeper or something. I was made on those lines, but I have found something now."

"What is that, then?" "Ranching. I have a chum in Texas, and he says it is a rare life. I am to buy a share in his business. It is all in the open air—shooting and riding and sport. Would it—would it inconvenience you much, Ida, to come out there with me?"

Ida nearly fell off her perch in her amazement. The only words of which she could think were, "My goodness me!" so she said them.

"If it would not upset your plans or change your arrangements in any way," he had slowed down and let go of the steering handle, so that the great machine crawled aimlessly about from one side of the road to the other. "I know very well that I am not clever or anything of that sort, but still I would do all I can to make you very happy. Don't you think that in time you might come to like me a little bit?"

Ida sat listening to the stumbling words and awkward phrases which were whispered from the back of her, but there was something in Charles Westmacott's clumsiness of speech which was more moving than the words of the most eloquent of pleaders. He paused, he stammered, he caught his breath between the words, and he blurted out in little blunt phrases all the hopes of his heart.

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