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A Vermont farmer warns the unemployed not to rush into farming. He says it doesn't pay, that the farms in his region are nearly all mortgaged, and the interest is eating them up. "To re-established farming on a paying basis," he says. "There must be cheaper labor and cheaper capital."

Dr. George B. Winship, the athlete, died in Boston a few days ago, at the age of forty-two years.

You see men of the most delicate frames engaged in active professional pursuits, who literally have no time for illness. Let them become idle, let them take care of themselves, let them think of their health, and they die. The rust rots the steel which use preserves.

THE SHADOW OF AN ASS.—The Greeks had a proverb which ran thus: "To dispute on the shadow of an ass." This took rise from an anecdote which Demosthenes is said to have related to the Athenians, to excite their attention during his defence of a criminal which was being brought inattentively listened to. "A traveler" he said, "once went from Athens to Megara on a hired ass. It happened to be the time of the dog-days, and at noon. He was much exposed to the unmitigated heat of the sun; and not finding so much as a bush under which to take shelter, he thought himself to descend from the ass and seat himself under its shadow. The owner of the donkey, who accompanied him, objected to this, declaring to him that when he let the animal use of its shadow was not included in the bargain. The dispute at last grew so warm that it got to blows, and finally gave rise to an action at law. After having said so much, Demosthenes continued the defence of his client; but the auditors, whose curiosity he had piqued, were extremely anxious to know how the judges decided on so singular a cause. Upon this, the orator commented severely on their childish injustice, in devouring with attention a paltry story about an ass's shadow, while they turned a deaf ear to a cause in which the life of a human being was involved. From that day, when a man showed a preference for discussing small and contemptible subjects to great and important ones, he was said "to dispute on the shadow of an ass."

How THINGS TURN ROUND.—Romances in real life sometimes occur even in such prosy places as Terre Haute, Ind. A Terre Haute reporter picked one up at a street corner the other day. A white-haired, bowed old gentleman with a younger gentleman of thirty-five with "How do you do, sir? You do not know me." But the old gentleman did not know the younger one, although it had been fully ten years since the two had met. Ten years ago the Cincinnati papers announced the marriage of the young man to the daughter of the old one, and after that, for some years, the old man had been hunting for his surreptitious son-in-law, with his pistol pockets full. Now the two were glad to see each other and off together to take something warm on top of their new-found friendship. They had a great deal to talk about and the man with the not-book gathered the following story from their conversation:

In those days the old man was a rich merchant in Indianapolis, and had a beautiful daughter, of whom he was proud and careful. She had friends in Terre Haute, and used to visit them often. The young man was a poor and struggling lawyer of Terre Haute who had little practice and no money but an abundance of ambition and promise. He saw and loved the girl and she was so well disposed toward him that frequent visits to Terre Haute were made pleasant in his company. During one of these visits of his daughter the old man heard something which caused him to go to Terre Haute in a hurry. He found his daughter on the amateur stage in a public hall, playing for a poor benefit. The young man was her lover in the play, and not all in play either. The brave father rushed behind the scenes and dragged his daughter away from the hall, and spoiled the performance and the fun, and robbed the poor into the bargain. All the young ladies and gentlemen—society actresses and actors—tried to prevail upon him to let the comedy go on, but he insisted upon making a tragedy of it. He took the young lady home weeping and in a very bad humor. He looked her up in his splendid mansion. It was a golden cage, but nevertheless a cage, and the bird beat her wings against the bars. One night she saw an opening out, by the back door, and she took it, and flew away into the arms of the Terre Haute man. He seized the instant way to his duty and the Cincinnati marriage notice announced now thoroughly he did it. Then the couple disappeared for ten years. That was the first meeting of the old man and his son-in-law in Terre Haute. They settled the quarrel like men. They took several drinks while they talked over old times. The old man's fortunes were completely broken. He was now a commercial traveler for the house of which he was once the head. He had no guided care, and all his birds were flown and scattered. The young man had in turn become one of the wealthiest and most prominent business men of San Francisco. His wife was well and happy, surrounded by her growing family. The old man expressed a desire to hold his grandchildren on his knee before he died, and the two men arranged a speedy trip to California in company. That's the way they met, settled their differences and prepared a grand surprise for a certain lady who is anxiously awaiting her husband's return to the "golden coast." The best of it is, this is a true story, and illustrates pleasantly how things turn round.

WEEDS ON WALKS.—A correspondent of The Garden says—"These can be killed and prevented from growing in garden paths by watering the ground with a weak solution of carbolic acid, 1 part pure crystallized acid to 2,000 parts water. Sprinkle from a watering pot."

FLOWER COLORS.—The London and Provincial Illustrated Newspaper says: One would hardly think that the fragrant violet and the bright-colored iris would ever be utilized in commerce, but it seems that an Italian chemist has just found out that they may be put some to other purpose than that of gladdening the eye and refreshing the nose. They yield, it appears a very fine blue color, and this is so sensitive to exterior influences as to render it of considerable value to the analytical chemist. Most people know that one of the best and most delicate tests employed by chemists to ascertain whether a solution is acid or not is to dip into it a piece of blue litmus paper, which at once reddens if the least trace of acidity exists. In like manner, the reddened litmus paper may be employed in searching for alkalis, for the paper returns to a blue tint on coming in contact with these. The coloring principle of the violet and iris is said to be more delicate still than litmus and, for this reason, we may expect soon to see phyllocyanin—for so the new color is called—introduced into all our laboratories.

Kent's Cavern, a celebrated prehistoric deposit in England, where are found bones of the hyena, the bear, and the rhinoceros, has had its romance, as appears from the address of Mr. Pengelly, the chief explorer of the cave at the meeting of the British Association at Glasgow. Recently a naval officer entered it to explore it, without a guide, and losing his way, had to spend the night in it. Next morning the hue and cry was raised. A farmer's daughter determined to find the young fellow. Descending with a lantern, she searched so diligently and persistently that presently she came upon him. He overwhelmed her with expressions of gratitude, and at last, in a frenzy of generosity flung himself at her feet and offered her his hand. She accepted him as readily as he had offered himself, and the happy couple imagined that they were going to be married forthwith; but the prudent father interposed, reminded the young spark that he was only a middy, and told him to come back after he had obtained a lieutenantcy. The gallant consented, parted from his sweetheart, and with firm hope sailed away. It is to be regretted that he has forgotten even to write her a line from that day to this. Mr. Pengelly will perhaps report further on this interesting exhibition of historic man next year.

## HURRY AND HASTE.

"Never do anything in a hurry," is the advice given to attorneys and solicitors by Mr. Warren. "No one in a hurry can possibly have his will about him; and remember that in the law there is ever an opponent watching to find you off your guard. You may occasionally be in haste, but you need never be in a hurry; take care—resolve—never to be so. Remember always that others' interests are occupying your attention, and suffer by your inadvertence by that negligence which generally occasions hurry. A man of first-rate business talents—one who always looks so calm and tranquil, that it makes one's-self feel cool off a hot Summer day to look at him once told me that he had never been in a hurry but once, and that was for an entire fortnight. At the commencement of his career. It nearly killed him; he spoiled everything he touched; he was always breathless, and harassed, and miserable; but it did him good for life, he resolved never again to be in a hurry—and never was, no, not once that he could remember during twenty-five years' practice! Observe, I speak of being hurried and flustered—not of being in haste, for that is often inevitable; but then is always seen the superiority and inferiority of different men. You may indeed almost define hurry as the condition to which an inferior man is reduced by haste. I one day observed, in a committee of the House of Commons, sitting on a railway bill, the chief secretary of the company, during several hours, while great interests were in jeopardy, preserve a truly admirable coolness, tranquility, and temper, conferring on him immense advantages. His suggestions to counsel were masterly, and exquisitely well timed; and by the close of the day he had triumphed. How is it that one never sees you in a hurry?" said I, as we were pacing the long corridor, on our way from the committee-room. "Because it's so expensive," he replied, "with a significant smile. I shall never forget that observation, and don't you."

Warren on Attorneys and Solicitors.

The Opera-house which is to be built in San Francisco and leased to the Strick Brothers is to have one hundred boxes, half of them owned by stockholders. The building is to be plain in exterior, but very elaborate and beautiful internally.

Mamma (who has been quietly watching certain surreptitious proceedings): "Willy, who helped you to that cake?" "Willy (promptly): "Hebbon, mamma, (Mamma sternly): "Sh—sh—sh, you naughty boy, how dare you tell such stories?" "Willy: "Laint my fault if it's cozzy, ma. Didn't pa tell heebbon in zat heebbon helped zhose-zat helped themselves?"

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FLUENCY IN CONVERSATION.—We believe the fact is indisputable that, in scores of instances, individuals possessing intellectual powers of the highest grade, and who, while abstractedly occupied in the discussion of any topic, carry on the process of silent ratiocination with equal facility and exactness, are no sooner subjected to the ordeal of conversation or "talk" (as Johnson was wont to call it), then almost on the instant, they seem to part with their self-possession, painfully betraying in their disjointed and obscure remarks, the wide and lamentable difference between merely oral and meditative communication. We can conceive of nothing more annoying, to an individual conscious of possessing superior mental endowments—conscious (as Goldsmith was for instance) that he could "argue best in his closet"—than the mortification which is so apt to await an individual of this description in his colloquial intercourse or encounters with men of much inferior mental endowments to his own, but possessing much greater presence of mind.

We cannot help the surmise, that vanity exercises no inconsiderable influence in bringing about the very mortification we allude to. Vanity, of course begets a constant, nay eager desire to excel; and not only to excel, but by means of a man's writings or conversation (as the case may chance to be), to elicit or draw forth the flattering comments of readers and listeners alike. Now conversation, next to authorship, constitutes the choicest arena possible for intellectual display, it follows that to "shine in conversation," no matter who may constitute your audience, is an achievement quite as gratifying to one's vanity as any other display. But alas, and alas! among authors who have earned immortality by their writings (of course we make an exception in the case of public speakers who have become authors), how few and far between "have been those who could lay claim to the merest distinction (to say nothing of immortality) on account of their conversational ability. Johnson, we suppose, was the great exception—and there have been, we rather think, a few others, whose names will probably occur to the reader without any mention on our part. Now to talk of Johnson being actuated by vanity in his determination to lead the conversation, in whatever company he might find himself would, it appears to us, involve a misnomer. Johnson did not know what vanity really was, although he defined it in his dictionary. Downright arrogance, he knew perfectly well the meaning of, and did not fail, on any occasion, or in any company, to bring it to bear upon the indiscreet individual who might prove rash enough to dispute his literary authority.

Enough of the great fexicoxapher, and now, by way of moral, and as bearing upon the few desultory remarks we have above indulged in, let us advise our younger readers (those intellectually given) to do battle against vanity and self conceit, as being the bane of genuine merit wherever the latter becomes subjected to their sway.

CROSSING FOR IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON SHEEP.—A correspondent asks us the following question: "What is the best cross upon our common sheep for quality and quantity of wool, for general market, and for weight of carcass?"

This inquiry can be replied to from so many stand points, that an opinion in favor of either of the recognized breeds requires certain explanations. A cross of the long-wool—say Cotswold, Leicester, or Lincoln—will insure an increase of carcass to nearly or quite double the value of the common, or native, jam. The fleece will have additional length, considerable improvement in style, and a perceptible increase in weight. The improvement in length and lustre will add to its market value.

A cross of middle wool, say Southdown Shropshire, &c., will add greatly to the quality of the meat, somewhat less though considerable, to its quantity, will thicken somewhat the fleece, and give it slight additional weight, without adding much to its value per pound.

A cross of the American merino will make a marked improvement in fleece, adding to all its desirable characteristics, except that of length. The weight, in many instances, will be doubled, while in any other than an anomalous condition of the market, the value per pound will be somewhat increased. The size of carcass will not be increased, though its compactness and symmetry of outline will be greatly improved.

With the average farmer the more satisfactory results will be secured by a cross with the long-wool breed or the fine wools. The one will show its chief improvement in the carcass, the other in the fleece though the merits of neither will be confined to these prominent characteristics.

As a rule, the least satisfactory results will be derived from a cross with the "Down"—this, not from any defect in the breed, per se, but rather from less diversity in size in the one and character of fleece in the other. Sheep from this cross may reasonably be expected to withstand the hardships, sometimes privations, incident to the lot of the flock when compelled to work its living off the average farm with better results than would be realized from a long-wool cross simply treated—and, for "roughing it," would prove nearly equal to the results of the Merino cross. In view of these considerations, added to some minor ones, that may be classed as results of taste rather than experienced as a general conclusion, we would advise a cross of the Merino in preference to the others referred to—always with the recommendation that the best rams within reach of the means of the flock owner be used—and that none of the male animals of the cross be used as sires, no matter how near the desired standard they may approach.—National Live-Stock Journal.

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