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CHICAGO VISITORS

English Notables To Be Her Guest.

LORD MINTO ALSO ONE

A Strange Murder—A Man Pays \$500 to Kill Him.

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—(Special)—Lord Charles Russel, Lord Charles Beresford and Hon Arnold Morley, who come to see the yacht race, will be Chicago's guests on October 9th, with Earl Minto. It now transpires that Thomas Bauman, who died a year ago, did not commit suicide as was reported at the time but paid Peter Doyle \$500 to kill him. Doyle is now under arrest for the crime.

COMMON SCHOOLS

Many Complaints Made Against Them.

TOO MUCH ATTEMPTED

Both Pruning and Grafting Needed But Pruning Needed Most.

Carlyle's pathetic complaint, recently quoted by THE GUARDIAN, that none of his schoolmasters had known enough of natural history to teach him even the grasses that grow by the wayside, and the little winged and wingless creatures that constantly met him; and that no one had ever taught him the constellations and thus made him at home in the starry heavens; strikes, it is to be feared, a responsive chord in the thoughts of many eyes in this day of numerous schools and widely diffused education. There are not many even among our educated classes—our clergy, lawyers, doctors, journalists, teachers, who are able to answer to salutations of their little winged and wingless neighbors; who know the names, the haunts and habits of our birds; who are acquainted with the forms and names of our common plants; or who are at home in the starry heavens. The case is naturally worse with those whose educational opportunities have been fewer. Most of us, indeed, are walking with half-shut eyes through God's great natural gallery, seeing little of the beauties, the marvels, and the glories that lie all around us. And many of us, too, on becoming conscious of what we are missing, instead of opening our eyes and enjoying these good things, spend our time in vain and foolish regrets; that no one has opened our eyes for us; and, instead of being grateful for the early training which has given us the power easily and rapidly to acquire knowledge, we are apt, like Carlyle, to rail against our schoolmasters because they have not made effort on our part unnecessary.

A man with a good pair of legs under him, comes to the foot of a hill from the top of which he knows a delightful view would be his. There is a well-worn path up the side of the hill; but, instead of using his legs in climbing he sits down and laments that nobody has carried him up. A huge and dangerous fallacy underlies the view of education on which Carlyle's complaint seems to be based. The purpose of education is not to carry one to the top of every hill, but to teach how to climb, and to develop the power of climbing; not so much to impart knowledge, as to develop mental power, to awaken a desire for knowledge, and to teach how knowledge may best be acquired. Carlyle, with his powerful well-trained intellect, had nothing to complain of. By spending a few shillings for suitable books he could, in a short time and without any serious interference with his evening pipe, have learned the constellations for himself; and, by taking occasional rambles in the fields and woods instead of shutting himself up in a noise-proof room, could have made

himself familiar with the common forms of plant and animal life, to the infinite betterment of both his digestion and his temper. By the way, if Carlyle was so ignorant of the starry heavens is it not strange that he should apply for the professorship of astronomy in Edinburgh University and be deeply chagrined that he did not get the appointment?

Carlyle is bitterly vituperative in his references to his schools and schoolmasters. Perhaps they deserved it. More likely he failed to make due allowance for the limitations under which schoolmasters labor, limitations which arise not only from want of knowledge on their part, but also and chiefly from lack of capacity on the part of their pupils. For the mind of a child is not as some seem to think, a capacious receptacle into which knowledge can be pumped in quantities limited only by the supply on hand. It is a thing, delicate and slow of growth, liable to be injured by forcing, and strengthened only by what it can slowly and little by little, assimilate. If a teacher knew all the mysteries and all knowledge and had faith so as to remove mountains yea, and all I've also, he could yet teach but little, his power to impart knowledge being limited by the unyielding laws of mental growth. The best that he can do and all that he should be expected to do is to supply nutriment, suitable in quality and quantity, to the growing mind; and to call forth, stimulate and direct its activities. The intellect cannot be developed as chickens are fattened, a fact which those who think the schools should take all knowledge for their province and make their pupils "superficially omniscient," would do well to consider. Carlyle himself was a schoolmaster for several years, and as far as we know his pupils could echo his complaints and vituperations. His experience should have won his sympathy for teachers. He did not find their work either easy or pleasant, but on the contrary, so difficult and galling that he finally quit it in disgust declaring that it was "better to die than to teach school for a living."

Of all the criticisms bestowed upon our system of education there is none of greater weight than this; that our schools are now trying to do too much, and consequently are not doing anything as it ought to be done; that our course of studies being too extensive, the pupils are rushed off through a multiplicity of subjects, and are not given time to assimilate the knowledge that is fairly showered upon them; and that as a result the whole tendency of school work is towards a system of " cram " in which the memory is about the only faculty exercised. Nevertheless, there is a constant demand, not that the course of studies should be reduced and simplified, but that it should be still further extended. "Why can't it be taught in the schools?" is the question almost invariably asked whenever reference is made to any subject a knowledge of which is thought to be either profitable or pleasant. The fact is, our educational tree needs pruning much more than it needs grafting. It no doubt makes a fine show as it is with its numerous "branches" and its wealth of leaves, and it will probably look even better when a few more "branches" have been grafted onto it; but it will never produce abundance of good sound fruit until it has been thinned out considerably, and the air and sunlight let into it. It needs grafting too, to round it out and make it symmetrical but room must be made for these grafts by cutting out the parts that would obstruct their growth. To drop the metaphor, believe that manual training, nature studies and physical training, should be given a prominent place in our school work but that time must be secured for these by reducing and simplifying our present course of studies.

R. H. C.

To Cure a Headache in Ten Minutes Use Kamfort Headache Cure.

SOCKLESS SIMPSON

Who Sympathises With The Filipinos,

HOOTED FROM A STAGE

Chinese Permitted to Land In Manila—Aguinaldo's Bad Faith.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—[Special].—It has been decided that the Chinese will be allowed to land in the Philippines pending the forming of a definite policy on the subject.

Aguinaldo's officers have not kept their engagement to exchange American prisoners.

Wichita, Kansas, Sept. 23.—(Special)—Jerry Simpson known as "Sockless Simpson," a candidate for the Senate, was hooted from the stage here for declaring that "the spirit of John Brown was marching with Aguinaldo."

JINGOES KICKING

Because The Transvaal War is Delayed.

DECISIVE TURN OCT. 6th

Parnell's Forfeited Estate To Be Presented to His Family By Friends.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—[Special].—The war situation is unchanged and the Jingo party are kicking at the delays. More officers have left for South Africa and Portugal denies that England is to get Delagoa Bay but the denial is not credited. More troops left India today for Natal.

No decisive turn is expected before October 5th unless the Transvaal makes a move to begin the conflict.

LONDON, society is now invading Scotland.

Parnell's historic home, Avondale, is to be sold by order of the court and the Parnell Monument Committee are considering whether to buy the estate and settle it on his family, to become a public park if the family dies out.

Bentley's Liniment The Modern Pain Cure Price 10c.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—(Special).—The following are the closing rates: Sept. wheat, 78½; corn, 34½; oats, 22½; pork, 8.17½. Dec. wheat, 72½; corn, 29½; oats, 22½; pork, 8.32½. May wheat, —; corn, 31½; oats, —; pork, —.

A STRONG BACKING

Commissioner of Wickham, N. B. Civil Courts makes an important statement

Wickham, Queen's Co., N. B. Sept. 25.—Mr. G. L. Worden, commissioner of the great Civil Courts here, is emphatic in his endorsement of the great medicine, Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"Dodd's Kidney Pills," he says, "have been a wonder and surprise to myself. After over twenty years of suffering with my back and kidneys I am well. Not the least painful part of my trouble was the pain, frequency and poor success in urinating. After using Dodd's Kidney Pills I enjoy the natural, comfortable feeling in the particulars above referred to. I feel like a young man though seventy-six years of age. I recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to sufferers as they do as they advertised to do."

ELECTION GOSSIP

Ponton, the Alleged Bank Robber, Acquitted.

I. C. R. TRAIN DITCHED

Dreyfus Offered \$1,000 Day By a Canadian Capitalist to Lecture.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 23.—(Special).—Hon. David Mills declares the question of a general election not been considered by the Cabinet and says all the talk of a contest is being made by the Conservatives.

COBURG, Ont. Sept. 23.—(Special).—W. H. Ponton the alleged Napanee bank robber, was acquitted at his third trial today.

HALIFAX, Sept. 23.—(Special).—The military special train returning from Aldershot, was ditched at Mount Uniacke.

Fortunately nobody was injured.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 23.—(Special).—W. R. Jackson of Toronto, capitalist, has cabled to Dreyfus an offer of \$1,000 a day for a year's lectures in Europe and America.

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Sept 21, 1899

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